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A COMPREHENSIVE BOOK OF TRUE FACTS

With Editorial Mentions and Pictures of Men and Women who have proven themselves "Builders" of Mississippi and its Institutions. Men and Women who believe in their Home Community, County and State : : : : : : : : : :

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Foreword

IT IS NOT the intention in the publishing of this work, **Mississippi Today,** to give our readers a history of Mississippi, but rather, we write of the "Mississippi of Today," and of the progressive communities of the State and of those men and women who have been, and are, outstanding in its "Building" and progress and are loyal citizens to their Community, County and State. Men and women who are true Mississippians and are willing to give their assistance toward these projects that will advance the State in its industrial, social, educational and religious life.

We wish to make the work a toast-master, introducing the "Builders of Mississippi" to the world, and at the same time broadcast to all the people the true facts of the Opportunities, Advantages, and Resources the State affords the Manufacturer, who wants to locate at the source of supplies in raw material; the business man, the farmer and the home-seeker.

DEDICATION:

TO the men and women who are true Mississippians, who place "Service" and the upbuilding of their State above "Self," who are workers for the advancement of their home communities, this work is thankfully dedicated. For by their support and co-operation it has been possible to issue this book

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BUILDING MISSISSIPPI

AN EDITORIAL

By Munro Nichols, Founder of "The Mississippi Builder"

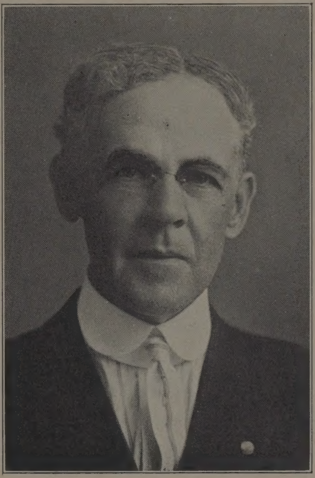
THEY say that most people have a "hobby" and "ride it to death." We don't believe that it has been a "hobby" with us for the past ten years to do our share in the work of helping to make Mississippi greater in its onward march. In other words, we have been trying to "Sell Mississippi to Mississippians." We believe that we first started that slogan some ten years ago. That we, in our work, have given good service to the State, we leave it to the people to render the verdict.

Another slogan we use is "Mississippi the State of Opportunity." During the three years that we published and edited the "Mississippi Builder," we carried this slogan on the cover where thousands read it each month. "Mississippi the State of Opportunity," how true to fact that little sentence is, for there is no State that offers greater "Opportunities."

It is our purpose in this editorial, to make it a short resume of the past ten years, the beginning of the time when we came to Mississippi. We plead guilty that we had no intention of making the State our future home, but after looking over different sections of the State, and realizing its great possibilities and opportunities, we decided that Mississippi was good enough for us. As we were engaged in industrial work we decided to still "carry on" that line of endeavor. At the beginning of 1918, Mississippi had, what we might call, an "epidemic" of raising hogs. All sections of the State had its "hog farms." In fact, we wrote about "hogs" and "cotton" until we wondered if a change would never come.

Then diversified farming became the educational work of the leading people of the State, the farmers, both large and small, commenced to diversify their crops; to a large extent "hogs" passed to the discard. It was then that Mississippi commenced to come into its own, many progressive movements were inaugurated, dairying and truck growing coming to the front. The dairyman, over night, awakened to the fact that the creamery had a pay check for him each week for his cream. The trucker took on new life and found that there was good money in raising and marketing vegetables and kindred lines. Marketing associations were organized, and this movement is growing in its efficiency to find a market for what is produced.

Then another great movement was started, but hardly recognized at first. The Mississippi Power & Light Company bought the Jackson municipal plant and told the people of that section that they were going to give them dependable light and power and plenty of it.



MUNRO NICHOLS

In March, 1924, the Alabama Power Company commenced their campaign to enter Mississippi, realizing it was a virgin field. They had a mountain to climb for eighty per cent of the people of the State were wedded to the proposition that the Federal government should sell the power plants at Muscle Shoals to Henry Ford. It was over a year before this company gained a foothold in the State, up to the time that the Mississippi Power Company was organized as a subsidiary company of the Alabama Power Company, and purchased several municipal plants. The Mississippi Power & Light Company, or the Couch interests as it is called, had several large holdings in Northeast Mississippi, especially at Columbus and Tupelo. This was in reality the territory for the Mississippi Power Company to cover as it was much nearer its field of generating power. So a trade was made. The Mississippi Power & Light Company to develop the western part of the State and the Mississippi Power Company the eastern. This the companies have done and a great development has taken place.

Northeast Mississippi has become a great dairying section, with many creameries, milk condensing plants and cheese factories, and this development has only just commenced, as it is spreading to all parts of the State. But the really large dairying section will be confined to northeast Mississippi for several years to come. The Delta, or northwest Mississippi, will still be the great cotton section, although this staple is and will continue to be raised in all parts of the state except possibly the Coastal Plains, where fruit and trucking will be developed and become the greatest industry. Large colonization will be a great progressive movement, for south Mississippi has something like thirteen millions of acres of idle lands, a large percentage of which are productive in about any crop planted and taken care of.

Reforestation is at the present time attracting interest of the land owners, and the State has started a program in this work, with Roy L. Hogue, a man well qualified and educated in reforestation as chief forester.

On the Mississippi Gulf Coast, great improvements have been and are being made in paving, seawalls, bridges and the building of great hotels for the accommodation of tourists.

Back from the coast proper great progress is being made in fruit growing. The Swan satsuma orange groves and the Pioneer Fruit Company, peach growers, the latter under the management of Walter James.

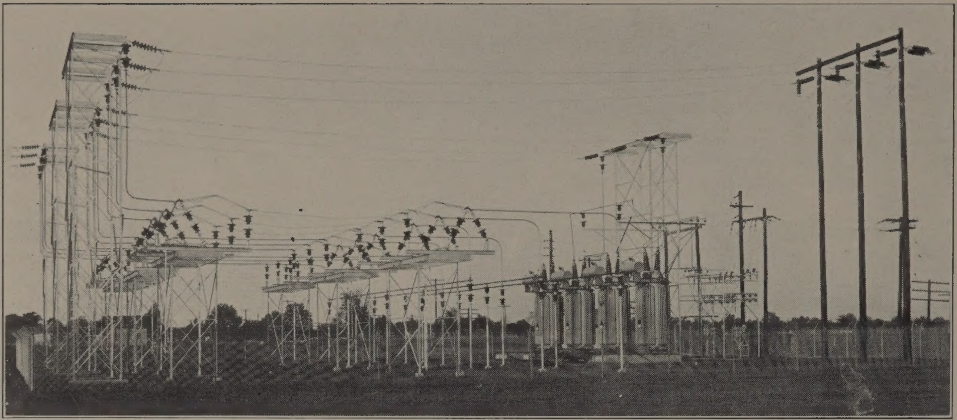
The good roads of Mississippi are of such magnitude that a special article will be written and printed in another section of this work.

The schools of the State stand at the head of the educational institutions of the United States and will be told of in a special article.

There are many other things that we would write about and which will be spoken of at length as this work progresses.

MISSISSIPPI POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

"HELPING TO BUILD MISSISSIPPI"



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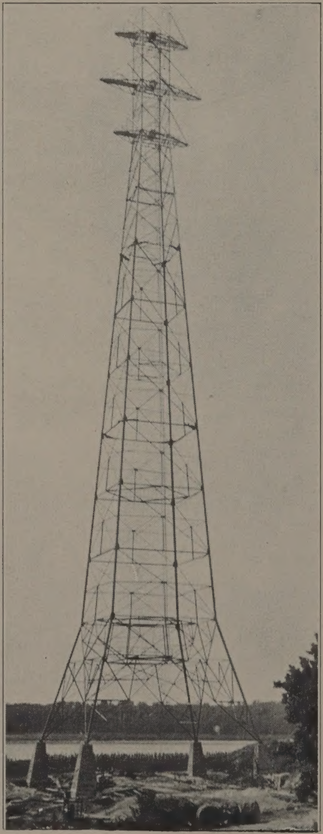

WE COULD not tell the true story of Mississippi and its development and progress without giving special space to the activities of the Mississippi Power and Light Company, and speak of the great work that this company has done since it came into Mississippi some six years ago. Nor could we make predictions of the future of the state without featuring what the company has done and intends to do. The Mississippi Power and Light Company has done a great work and are preparing to do more; it was organized to merge into one company to more efficiently operate these properties, to put them on a broader and sounder financial basis, and to add immediate facilities which will provide service equal to that enjoyed by any other group of communities in the United States. The company has adopted the policy of customer-ownership—that of inviting customers and other local people to become preferred stockholders in the company. Under this arrangement local people can share in the money which the company pays as preferred stock dividends every three months. The company feels that local people are the logical ones to receive this money—they support the company and should share in its success. This will be of mutual advantage. When you are a stockholder you will gain by receiving dividends from a well established business with a steady growing demand for its service. The company will gain from you a more cordial interest in its affairs and a better understanding of what a well managed public utility company means to the life and future growth of the community served. In purchasing the stock you may feel sure that you are safely investing your money in a firmly established company equipped to serve a widely diversified field in one of the most rapidly growing sections of the country.

The Mississippi Power and Light Company at the beginning of 1928 is supplying electricity for lighting and power purposes to 114 cities and towns in Mississippi; these towns are going ahead in the rapid upbuilding of their communities, and are located in 30 counties of the 82 counties of the state.

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MISSISSIPPI TODAY

A Story of a Great State with Exceptional Opportunities

A Resume of its Educational, Health, Financial Agricultural, Horticultural, Dairying, Manufacturing, Good Roads, Electric Power, Community Building and Industrial Development Possibilities

Teach Mississippi in the Schools

THE HISTORY of Mississippi is a most interesting one and universally known to the people of the present generation in a general way. But the "Mississippi of Today" is of greater interest, for we are living in the present and the future, we are living "Today and Tomorrow," and are building for the generations of the future; for the boys and girls now in our schools.

To do our whole duty, we must teach them "Mississippi," that they may go out into the world and tell the world of the greatness of their home state. We must teach them what the present generation has done, and create in them an ambition to "carry on" and still build bigger and better. Create in them a love for the state that will absorb all inclination to go farther afield to seek a position for life's work.

Yet we ask you this question, men and women of Mississippi today: How well do you know Mississippi? Do you know it well enough to teach and create in the boys and girls of the coming generation that ambition and love for them to understand and realize the necessity, and that it is delegated to them as an inheritance, to place our state in the position it should hold among the states of the Union of States? Take stock of yourselves, men and women of Mississippi, and see to it that the correct balance is on the right side of the ledger. Learn the great possibilities of Mississippi so you can qualify to teach it to your children who are now growing to manhood and womanhood.

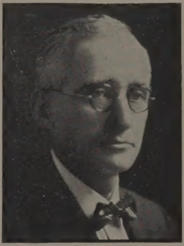
That the people of Mississippi are fast learning this lesson is fully demonstrated by the progress that has been made during the past decade. That a fair percentage of our boys and girls, as they leave school, are finding there is work to be done at home. That they are the ones that must "carry on" and be the future builders. Yet there is room for greater work, the work has only just begun. It must come to pass that there will be one hundred per cent co-operation, that to a unit the boys and girls in the schools today be taught to know the state, to know its opportunities and resources, to know specifically of the productive energy of its lands, know its soils in the different sections of the state; realize that the coastal plains section—meaning the flat lands in the counties near the coast—is the greatest citrus fruit bearing section to be found anywhere. That the red lands of southeast Mississippi and across the state from east to west, are not equalled in any part of the country for trucking and fruit crops, and this can be said of the state as a whole. That the Mississippi Delta has the richest lands in the world for the growing of cotton, and about anything else planted and taken care of. Then there is the black prairie lands of northeast Mississippi, that produce all crops, but more, on account of its peculiar soil which is rich in lime, is adapted to the growing of grasses, especially those that are most nutritious for cattle, which has made that section of the state great in dairying development, causing the establishing of manny milk condenseries, cheese factories and large creameries, which we will speak of at more length further along in this work.

When the whole people of the state have learned these things, and they are becoming interested; when Mississippians have thoroughly sold themselves to the state; when they know the state as every good citizen should; when the schools take particular pains to teach "Mississippi," then will a new psychology be firmly established, and all Mississippians will become true to the name, and be able to make salesmen and saleswomen of themselves and go out and sell Mississippi to the world.

The people at home must be the Builders and universal co-operation will bring about this successful issue.

Educational Institutions in Mississippi

(By W. F. BOND, State Superintendent of Education)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THE STORY of education in Mississippi reads like a romance. We have had, like other states, many fierce political battles in state and county politics but the continuous fight for better schools during the past fifteen years has been the contest of greatest interest to our people.

Beginning with a poor type of one-teacher schools, Mississippi now leads in the consolidation of schools and agricultural high schools. A recent survey shows that according to our white population we are sending to college more high school graduates than any other state. The account of this progress leads through troubled waters. Many of the disputes found their way into the courts and were contested to the last ditch. But the fight has been won and is now over. The people as a whole favor the better schools where country children are given an equal chance with the children of the towns and cities.

ONE-TEACHER SCHOOLS—Today we have only a little over nine hundred one-teacher white schools in the state with an enrollment of a little over twenty-five thousand. At the present rate of consolidation the last of these one-teacher schools will have passed away before another decade.

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS—Mississippi leads the nation in the number of consolidated schools, the school that gives the country boy and girl an opportunity to get an education at home. The Survey Commission says in its report: "There is a question whether any state in the nation has moved more rapidly for the organization and building of rural school plants than has Mississippi during the past decade and a half." In 1926 seventy-eight per cent of the rural enrollment was in consolidated schools. In 1910 there was two consolidated schools in the state, the enrollment 205, students transported to and from school 65. There was one teachers' home; $8,000 was the investment. In 1920 there were 470 schools, enrollment 61,821, 98 teachers' homes, $1,022,522 investment. In 1927 there were 951 schools, enrollment 162,830, teachers' homes 390, and an investment of $15,000,000.

SMITH-HUGHES SCHOOLS—There is no question but what the Smith-Hughes school is the ideal rural school for Mississippi. The late Governor Henry L. Whitfield said: "I am glad that the Smith-Hughes schools are started. I wish that all the schools were Smith-Hughes."

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS—The growth of the vocational schools of Mississippi from 1918 to 1926 has been most satisfactory. In 1918 there were 30 agricultural schools, one trade and industrial school, three home economic classes (Smith-Hughes), making the total of 34. In 1927 there were 155 agricultural schools, 76 trade and industrial schools, 101 home economic classes, making a total of 332.

SCHOOL DAYS

TEACHERS' HOMES—Mississippi leads the other states of the nation in number of teachers' homes. Three hundred and ninety comfortable white teachers' homes have been established on or near the school grounds. This makes it possible for the teachers to function intimately in community rural life.

The movement of school consolidation and teachers' homes is almost as marked among the colored schools. The stimulus here has largely come through co-operation with the General Educational Board, the Slater Fund, the Jeanes Fund and the Julius Rosenwald Fund. At the present time more than 250 consolidated schools and over 100 teachers' homes have been established for negroes and in addition to this 432 Rosenwald schools have been established.

MUNICIPAL SEPARATE DISTRICTS—There are 152 municipal separate districts (cities and towns not subject to county levy for schools) in the state with a total revenue for maintenance by local levy of approximately three million dollars. The value of buildings and equipment is $14,343,075, enrollment over 81,000. Approved high school work is offered in each of these districts, with 105 fully accredited four-year schools and 37 on the All Southern list. There are 5,618 pupils transported from outside of the districts to these schools. Twenty-four per cent of the total white enrollment of the state is in the municipal separate school districts.

AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOLS—More than any other state—for training boys in agriculture and girls in home-making. These 49 agricultural high schools enrolled in session 1925-26, 8,070 pupils. They graduated in same session, 1,480 pupils. The average cost of board for session was $10 per month per pupil.

These 49 agricultural high schools, since their establishment 16 years ago, have enrolled a total of 53,529 individual pupils; graduated a total of 14,080 pupils; sent 53.33% of these graduates back to the farm; sent 34.02% of these graduates to college.

These 49 agricultural high schools own 7,250 acres of land, valued at $310,458; school dormitories and other buildings, valued at $3,210,100; school furniture and equipment, valued at $565,775; school libraries, valued at $55,140; making a grand total of $4,143,473. All are fully accredited four-year high schools, three of which are on the All Southern list. Three of these schools have recognized Junior college departments and four others offer one year of college work. This type of school has sometimes been called the poor man's college. Many boys and girls are able to work their way through these schools who otherwise would be deprived of an opportunity for a higher school education.

JUNIOR COLLEGES IN MISSISSIPPI—Number of Junior colleges requiring fifteen Carnegie units for entrance, nine. Number of instructors, 80. Student capacity, 1,671. Value of college plants, $2,010,000. Graduates session 1926-27, 161. Average cost per student per session, $314. In addition to the above Junior colleges we have five Agricultural high schools offering one year in college work with three of the five putting on the second-year college work this season. Following we give a short sketch of these colleges individually:

ALL SAINTS COLLEGE—Vicksburg, Miss.—This is under the auspices of the Episcopal diocese and is an excellent institution for girls. Located in the National Park. Student capacity, 140. Average cost per student, $460. Bishop T. D. Bratton, president.

CHICKASAW COLLEGE—Pontotoc, Miss.—Is located in the northeastern part of the state, at the town of Pontotoc on the G. M. & N. R. R., running from Jackson, Tenn. to Mobile, Ala. Number of instructors, 10; dormitory capacity, 75; enrollment for 1926, 116. Average cost per student, $189. Value of plant, $95,500. Dr. E. J. Currie, president.

CLARKE MEMORIAL COLLEGE—Newton, Miss.—Is a co-educational Junior college doing standard work, the only college of any kind in a radius of sixty miles. The enrollment has doubled within the last two years. Valuation of property has doubled in the same time. The college has an administration building, two dormitories, three teachers' homes and about fifteen nice cottages for married students. Twelve instructors. Capacity, 300. Cost per student, $260. Value of plant, $125,000. Dr. H. T. McLauren, president.

GULF PARK COLLEGE—Gulfport, Miss.—A school for girls, is a nationally patronized school of limited enrollment, emphasizing the two-year Junior college and four-year high school courses. Special work in art, music, expression, home economics, secretarial training, and normal course in physical education. Ideal location on the Gulf of Mexico, delightful climate. Spacious campus. All sports, swimming, riding. Student capacity, 240. Average cost per student, $850. Richard G. Cox, president.

HILLMAN COLLEGE—Clinton, Miss.—Is located in a cultured college community and is the oldest school for girls in the state. Popularly known as "Happy Home-like Hillman." This is an accredited Junior college which employs no agents, but which receives more applications for entrance each year than can be accommodated. Capacity, 125. Always full. Average cost per student, $300. M. P. L. Berry, president.

MISSISSIPPI SYNODICAL COLLEGE — Holly Springs, Miss.—Established 1883. 602 feet above sea level. Member of American Association of Junior Colleges. Accredited by leading Universities of the South. Boarding capacity limited to 100. Full attendance last session. Special advantages in music, art, expression and home science. Extra expenses for session of nine months, $360. R. F. Cooper, Ph. D. (Johns Hopkins), president.

PEARL RIVER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR COLLEGE—Poplarville, Miss.—Plant valued at $250,000. Student capacity, 200. Cost per pupil, $140 per session. A fine school located in the great long-leaf section of Mississippi. S. L. Stringer, superintendent.

HINDS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR COLLEGE—Raymond, Miss.—Plant valued at $250,000. Average cost per student per session, $140. Located close to the State Capitol and ranks among the best in the state. Student capacity, 250. R. E. L. Sutherland, superintendent.

HARRISON - STONE-JACKSON AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR COLLEGE—Perkinston, Miss.—Plant valued at $300,000. Average cost per student, $125 per session. Thirty miles from the Gulf of Mexico on the Magnolia Highway and Illinois Central railroad. A good school with a fine patronage. Student capacity, 200. J. L. Denson, superintendent.

STATE COLLEGES—Number of four-year standard colleges requiring fifteen Carnegie units for entrance, six. Number of instructors, 311. Student capacity, 5,121. Investment in college plants, $122,250,000. Average cost per student per session, $258. Number graduates session of 1926-27, 724. Following is short sketches of these colleges individually:

AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE—Starkville, Miss.—School of agriculture, engineering, science, and art. Department of agricultural experiment stations and extension. Plant worth $5,000,000. Campus and farm, 2,285 acres. Average expense per student, $350. Student capacity, 1,500. Graduates numbering 2,385 command positions $1,500 to $3,000 on graduation. South's leading agricultural and mechanical college. Dr. B. M. Walker, president.

MISSISSIPPI STATE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN—Columbus, Miss.—Founded in 1885, the first State college for women in the United States. Its excellent progress and prestige have been due to the high standards of attainment which it has maintained from the beginning. An institution of A-rank. The members of the faculty number approximately one hundred. Enrollment of students exceed twelve hundred. Student capacity, 1,300. Average cost per student, $225. J. C. Fant, Ph. D., president.

MISSISSIPPI DELTA STATE TEACHERS' COLLEGE—Cleveland, Miss.—"The College With a Personal Touch," is located in the heart of the greatest farming section of the world. One hundred and twenty acres of land. Modern brick buildings. New equipment throughout. A faculty second to none. Curricula designed to meet your needs. Board at actual cost. Health conditions ideal. No mosquitoes. Pure artesian water. Student capacity, 200. Average cost per student last session, $264. W. M. Keithley, president.

STATE TEACHERS' COLLEGE—Hattiesburg, Miss.—Was created by the Legislature of 1910 to train teachers for rural schools. The plant is worth a million dollars. The course of study is standard. College has been in operation fourteen years. Total enrollment for this time over 15,000. College campus of 120 acres. Standard faculty of 32. Seventy degrees granted last year. Capacity of dormitory, 540. Enrollment for year including summer terms, 1,600. Joe Cook, president.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI—University, Miss.—The University of Mississippi comprehends a college of liberal art, the professional schools of law, engineering, education, medicine, pharmacy, and commerce. Co-educational. Elevation 500 feet; 60-acre campus in center of square mile belonging to institution. Location unsurpassed for healthfulness and beauty. Expenses very moderate. Equipment, buildings, grounds worth $1,900,000. Student capacity, 1,100. Average cost per student, $300. Alfred Hume, Ph. D., chancellor.

ALCORN AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE—This college for negroes is a state institution, ideally located and equipped for giving industrial training to negroes. Number of instructors, 32; student capacity, 500; number graduates session 1925-26, 63; average cost per student, $150 per session; value of plant, $350,000.

DENOMINATIONAL COLLEGES—Number of four-year standard colleges requiring fifteen Carnegie units for entrance, seven. Number of instructors, 133. Student capacity, 2,500. Investment in these college plants, $3,479,373. Average cost per student per session, $321. Number of graduates session of 1926-27, 286. An individual story of these colleges follows:

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE—Blue Mountain, Mississippi—State Baptist College for Women. Enrolls students of every religious denomination. Standard requirements for entrance. Standard courses for graduation. Best advantages in piano, violin, pipe organ, voice, art, home economics, expression, physical training. The college is situated on the side of "Blue Mountain," one of the two highest elevations in the state. Student capacity, 350. Average cost per student, $275. Lawrence T. Lowrey, Ph. D., president.

BELHAVEN COLLEGE—Jackson, Miss.—School of character, college of liberal arts, conservatory of fine arts. Belhaven, a Senior college for women, owned and controlled by the Presbyterians of Mississippi, is located at Jackson, and has a beautiful campus, commodious buildings, modern equipment, and a wholesome environment. It has recently been put on the approved list of four-year colleges. Student capacity, 200. Average cost per student, $500. G. T. Gillespie, D. D., president.

WHITWORTH COLLEGE — Brookhaven, Miss. — Whitworth College, a Senior college for young women. Established in 1858. Owned by the Southern Methodist Church. Student capacity, 300. Average cost per pupil, $350. Dr. H. G. Hawkins, president.

GRENADA COLLEGE — Grenada, Miss.—Grenada College is a standard Christian college offering the degree of bachelor of arts with special courses in piano, voice, violin, art, home economics, public speaking, and physical education. A refined home for your daughter during her college career. Best dormitory in the South. Student capacity, 225. Cost per session for regular course, $325. J. R. Countiss, D. D., president.

MILLSAPS COLLEGE—Jackson, Miss.—The aim of Millsaps College since its establishment has been to provide in Mississippi a liberal arts college that would be characterized first of all by thorough scholarship, second by positive moral Christian influences, and thirdly to provide such training for the young people of Mississippi on the most economical basis. A member of the Southern Association of Colleges for thirteen years. Student capacity, 400. Average cost per student, $256.

MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S COLLEGE—Hattiesburg, Miss.—Mississippi Woman's College maintains a standard four-year course. Raising half million endowment necessary for A1 college by November 1. Courses in piano, voice, pipe organ, speech, art, home economics, commercial, physical education, of the best. Faculty of trained teachers, each a specialist. Number of instructors, 35. Student capacity, 375. Enrollment for 1926, 375. Number of 1926 graduates, 45. Value of plant, $365,000. Dr. J. L. Johnson, president.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE—Clinton, Miss.—Mississippi College, an A-grade standard Senior college for men, owned by the Baptist denomination of the state, is located at Clinton. It was founded in 1825, but came into the hands of the Baptists in 1850. The school stands for the choicest and best in literary training, but puts emphasis on training for Christian ideals. Student capacity, 650. Average cost per student, $400. J. W. Provine, Ph. D., president.

MILITARY SCHOOLS—There are three military schools of merit in the state. That of the Gulf Coast Military Academy, at Gulfport, located on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico, being one of the largest. The spacious grounds and campus and handsome buildings make this school one of the show places of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The school has for its slogan, "Send us the boy and we will return you the man."

TUPELO MILITARY INSTITUTE—Is located at Tupelo, Miss., and is owned and operated by Dr. T. W. Chapman, one of the state's best known educators. The school was established fourteen years ago. It is spoken of in another part of this work.

CHAMBERLAIN-HUNT ACADEMY—Port Gibson, Miss.—This is one of the oldest and best known institutions of education in Mississippi in its special line of instruction. Captain J. W. Kennedy is the president and executive. This school is also featured in another place in this book.

NEGRO SCHOOLS—Modern rural school plants are built by plans furnished by the Rosenwald Fund. The following have participated in this fund. Number of Rosenwald schoolhouses, 432. Number of teachers' homes, 41.

The following is an approximate number of different type of school plants in the state for negroes: Number of Rosenwald schools, 432; number of colleges, 10; number of agricultural high schools, 1; number of county teacher training schools, 29; number of Smith-Hughes schools, 38; number of students attending other type of schools, 272,000. The problem of teacher training is being solved by the summer schools. There are fifteen such schools located at geographical centers in the state. The enrollment of student-teachers exceed four thousand annually. Twenty-two different counties have supervising Jeanes teachers.

REHABILITATION WORK—Six years ago the Mississippi Legislature passed a Rehabilitation act and made an appropriation of $17,009.27 per year. This appropriation is matched dollar for dollar by the Federal government. During the six years ending June 30, 1927, 914 persons had been rehabilitated. The average earning capacity of each of the 914 persons before training was $260 per year. The average earning capacity of each after first year of training was $895, or a total increased earning capacity for the 914 cases of $817,930. This is one of the finest pieces of work being done by the State Department of Education.

Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club Work

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IN discussing this subject, Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club work, I shall take it up under the topical headings: (1) aims and objectives, (2) ways and means of achieving objectives, and (3) results.

Aims and Objectives

In setting up the aims of Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club work, we may base them on two general principles that are fundamental in a democracy. One of these principles is the inalienable right of every person to engage in the vocation for which he has the greater natural capacities and to have those innate capacities trained for effective social use. The other principle is the right of society to demand of every individual maximum growth and maximum social service.

The application of these principles may be regarded as the basic objective of Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club work. Through the application of the former, the individual avoids slavish subordination to the authority of society, and through the application of the latter the social group averts the disintegrating effects inherent in incompetent and unworthy individuals. The interdependence of the individual and the social group in a true democracy is an accepted fact. The individual deprived of social environment and consequently of environmental stimuli is incapable of growth above the mere animal level. On the other hand society perpetuates itself by transmitting its ideals, its aspirations, its spirit through individuals from generation to generation. In this manner society progresses or retrogrades. The objects of 4-H Club work then are to provide for the individual such stimuli as will release these hereditary forces in him which in the immediate present as well as in the future contribute most to his usefulness and happiness, and to provide a means that contributes to the perpetuation of society by transmitting to each succeeding generation the worthy ideals, hopes, aspirations and spirit of the social group.

To realize these objectives means for the individual assistance in choosing a vocation intelligently, and an opportunity to grow in ability to make adjustments that contribute in a high degree to his social efficiency now as well as in the future. To the extent that worthy aims for the individual are achieved, there inheres in the community, the state, and the national commonwealth that integrity of purpose, strength of character, and loftiness of spiritual ideals that guarantees an enduring civic and social structure.

In developing Boys' and Girls' Club work, the purpose has been to interest the boys and girls, and through them adults in farm, home, and rural community problems; to train them in better methods of farming, gardening, poultry and animal husbandry, and home practices; to assist them in demonstrating these methods for the improvement of general farm and home conditions; to aid them in attaining an intelligent point of view and favorable attitude toward the business of farming and home-making by encouraging property ownership and a feeling of partnership; and to socialize farm and rural life through Boys' and Girls' Club activities by developing rural leadership, community co-operation, and a good spirit of citizenship.

The sum total of all these aims is expressed in the two objectives I have attempted to emphasize.

Ways and Means

Attainment of objectives based on indviidual capacity, happiness and usefulness, and social democracy, mutual sharing of experience, perpetuation of the highest ideals cumulated through human experience, requires that the means of attainment inhere in the content of personal experience. The means employed must discriminate between stimulated and genuine situations. The experience of the club member must be personal and inherently stimulating. The situation should not be one that is imposed externally. Real problems must be set up in such a way as to make them genuine problems of the club member. The environment must be such that it will stimulate responses satisfactory both to the individual and to society. The problems set for solution and the environment in which the child meets these problems are, therefore, the main consideration in the ways and means of Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club work.

The problems should be those which arise naturally in connection with the activities of the farm, the home and the community. They are problems of livestock production and management, of crop production, of soil management, of learning and practicing health rules, of conjoint community enterprises. These are problems which engage the minds of adults. They are fundamental and perennial. The youth of today needs to know about them and meet them in actual experience so that he may deal with them effectively when they become his responsibilities.

The environment through which the club member gains experience with these problems is of both formal and intentional, and the informal or incidental type. The school supplies the formal type and life outside the school the informal. Both types are needed. One supplements the other. The tendency of the school is to become bookish, academic, and dissociated from the actual experiences of life. Through Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club work, the farm and home become the laboratories for the practical application of the school instruction in agriculture and home economics. The compelling interest of a situation that is rooted in life-experience puts meaning into the school instruction that deals with that situation. Hence, the school should foster 4-H Club work if for no other purpose than to secure a perennial infusion of dynamic force emanating from the real issues of life.

The A. & M. College, through its Extension Service, is responsible for co-ordinating the various agencies that supply the informal type of environment suitable to club work. Under the stimulus of this environment, children actually share the experiences of adults in a way that contributes to the social continuity of life. Through the office of the county agricultural agent, co-operating with the state club force, and extension specialists, the county agent formulates a program of activities that calls for co-operative participation of youth and adults. Thus the A. & M. College is the institution which society maintains to organize and supervise the agricultural and home economics extension activities of a community. The extension service of the state agricultural college should assist the counties and communities in organizing and carrying out programs for improving farm practice and home-making and for the enrichment of rural life. For economy of time, energy, and money, and for the effectiveness of effort, these programs should be constructed on a basis that would avoid duplication of workers and expenditure of funds and prevent working at cross-purposes. On this basis the Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club demonstrations would be integral parts of the home, the farm, and the community program for agricultural and home-making improvement. Thus the children would participate in the life-experience of the community in a manner that would not motivate their school instruction in agriculture and home economics and that would insure continuity of that experience. By this process of renewing the social group, the two main objectives of club work are recalled in a high degree.

Results

The results which 4-H Club work hopes to achieve are summed up in the two primary objectives which are set up in the first section of this paper. Both the individual club member and the social group are beneficiaries. The former is assisted in finding himself vocationally and in preparing himself for maximum social service. The latter must perpetuate itself by communicating its ideals, its spiritual standards to its youth from generation to generation.

Tangible results contributing to these ends have been achieved. The Boys' Corn Club work (out of which grew the great 4-H Club movement, as it is known today), originated in Holmes county, Mississippi, in 1907, when about 100 boys were enrolled by Mr. W. H. (more familiarly known as "Corn Club") Smith, who was then county superintendent of education. From this small beginning the movement spread until today there are approximately 35,000 boys and girls enrolled under the 4-H Club banner in Mississippi, while in the United States, as a whole, the membership has increased from 23,,000 in 1914 to approximately 700,000 in 1924. An important result is the spread of the practices demonstrated by club members. For instance, varieties of crops and breeds of animals have been improved and standardized throughout the state. In 1912 (when our Boys' Pig Club was organized), the supremacy of the "Pinerooter" hog was not questioned in any part of the state. Since that time through the importation and breeding of purebred hogs, on the part of the more than 30,000 Pig Club boys, the "Pinerooter" is now as great a curiosity in Mississippi as a "broncho buster" would be on Fifth avenue in New York City. During the past five years more than 20,000 Corn Club boys,, through practicing approved methods in the preparation and cultivation; seed selection and the use of purebred seed corn, and the judicious use of fertilizers have produced an average yield of 48.6 bushels of corn per acre, as compared to an average yield for the state as a whole of 16.2 bushels per acre for the same period. In the same manner our Cotton Club Boys, during the past five years, have made an average yield of 382.8 pounds of lint cotton per acre, as compared with an average of 165.2 pounds lint cotton per acre made by the state as a whole. Similar results have been achieved in sweet potato, dairy, poultry, and other 4-H Club projects. Since "one demonstration is worth a thousand arguments," the effect of these club demonstrations on the agricultural practices in the communities in which they are conducted, as well as in the state as a whole, can not be over-estimated.

Nor is this all. The training for leadership, and for intelligent co-operation with leaders is a positive contribution of Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club work. The recognition accorded club work by county, state and national leaders attests the value of the movement. President Coolidge said recently, "Probably no activity is of more importance to the future standing, prosperity and social position of agriculture than the Boys' and Girls' 4-H Clubs." Hon. E. T. Meredith, ex-Secretary of Agriculture, says, "Rural life has been enriched greatly in recent years by the trained leadership obtained from Boys' Agricultural Clubs."

However, only about 20 per cent of the rural boys and girls of club age in Mississippi participate in club activities. A great work yet remains to be done. The need and the opportunity are a challenge to the community, state and nation to unite their forces and move as one army toward a common goal, "4-H Club work for every boy and girl in Mississippi and every boy and girl for 4-H Club work."

Organization of the State Board of Health with a Brief Summary of Public Health Activities

(By FELIX J. UNDERWOOD, M. D., State Health Officer)

F. J. UNDERWOOD

THE medical profession of the State have been striving for many years to secure legislation which would place the State Board of Health more on a basis of merit and to get away from politics as far as possible. The physicians of the State were greatly pleased with the passage by the Legislature of 1924 of a bill changing the method of selecting the members of the State Board of Health. This bill makes it impossible for the Board to be made a football in the hands of politicians.

Mississippi has rapidly forged to the front with her public health program and it is felt that, regardless of who is elected to the executive office and to the legislative branch of the government, it will be pleasing to them that the Health Department is operating on the basis of merit and not politics. It is only by placing the Board of Health beyond the reach of politics that real progress can be made and the Department used for the furtherance of the work of promoting public health. When such a department of the State is permitted to be used for the furtherance of private ambitions, then its function as a public servant is seriously handicapped and its progress crippled, the confidence of the public is forfeited, and the value of the work is immeasurably lessened.

The following letter was mailed out to the members of the central staff of the State Board of Health and to all directors of county health departments before the primaries in August:

"Dear Doctor: The State Board of Health has no desire whatever to influence you, nor to suggest to you, anything relative to your politics, but it is highly desirable that representatives of county health departments, sanitary inspectors, public health nurses, and technicians, do not make themselves offensive locally in a political way.

"In many of the counties the political factions are about equally divided and where our health workers say or do anything that will be offensive to the opposition, it will promptly react on the local and state health departments and make it impossible to secure the results that otherwise would be possible.

"The bitterest enemies one can make are political enemies and we hope that the representatives of the State Board of Health will refrain from political activities other than exercising their own right of suffrage.

"Please bring this to the attention of personnel of your department.

"With best wishes I am,

"Very truly yours,
(Signed) "Felix J. Underwood, M. D."

In a very brief way, the work of the different bureaus and divisions of the State Board of Health will be discussed.

Vital Statistics

Only this year, the Bureau successfully passed a test by the United States Bureau of the Census on the registration of births and deaths. It may be stated that while the United States Bureau of the Census congratulated and complimented our work in this particular field, the fact remains that we are not entirely pleased with the showing made and have already planned to bring the registration of births and deaths more nearly up to the 100 per cent mark.

A full-time field assistant to constantly check up on registration of births and deaths, and reporting of marriages and divorces, has been employed and it is felt that with the splendid co-operation being received from the medical profession and others interested in this vitally important phase of public health work that it should be possible within the next year to make at least 95 per cent on a test.

With the present appropriation for the Bureau, it will be impossible to continue our program of field investigational and educational work on a full-time basis. It is believed that the legislature will provide a reasonable increase for this purpose.

Mr. Edgar Sydenstricker, chief statistician of the U. S. Public Health Service, was a guest of the State Board of Health recently and was very complimentary of what had been accomplished in recent years and stated that the Mississippi State Board of Health was outstanding among the other States in the record made within recent years in really vitalizing vital statistics.

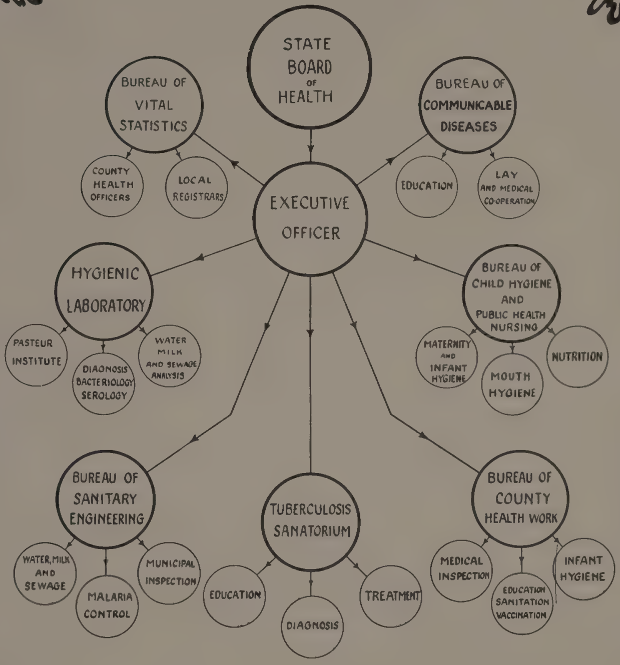
During the present biennial period the director of the Bureau had an intensive course of study in Johns Hopkins University covering a period of three months. It is the policy of the State Board of Health to arrange for heads of departments to take suitable courses for the purpose of improving upon methods of procedure.

State Hygienic Laboratory

The work of the Laboratory is basic in its relation to the medical profession from the standpoint of early diagnosis of diseases, for the protection of the health of the people, and in preventing the spread of communicable disease.

The Laboratory, in addition to its regular work, made and distributed all of the typhoid vaccine used in the great emergency in ten Mississippi counties, caused by the April overflow of the Mississippi river. During the months of May and June the Laboratory technicians worked almost day and night in order that the unprecedented demands for typhoid vaccine and rabies vaccine might be adequately supplied.

In addition to the manufactures of all of the silver-nitrate solution used by the physicians and midwives of the State in the prevention of opthalmia neonatorum, or sore eyes, in the new-born. All biologics made by the Laboratory cost one-third, and in some instances less than this amount, the price paid for them when purchased from biological houses. The Laboratory also furnishes distilled water free to all physicians of the State to be used in the administration of arsphenamine.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MATERNITY AND INFANT HYGIENE
MOUTH HYGIENE
NUTRITION
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TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM
BUREAU OF COUNTY HEALTH WORK
WATER, MILK AND SEWAGE
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Sanitary Engineering

On account of a great epidemic of typhoid fever in several of the large eastern cities occasioned by the use of raw oysters, it became necessary during the present biennial period to completely reorganize our oyster sanitation program in this country. On our Mississippi coast there has been great improvement made by the oystermen and in most instances splendid co-operation has been given the State Board of Health. A complete survey of the water supplies, shucking houses, packing plants, and all oyster beds along the coast has been made. It was necessary to employ a special inspector for this work. As a result of the splendid program carried out during the past two years in oyster sanitation, public confidence has been restored and the consumption of oysters has greatly increased. There is no better food, no safer food, than oysters, when produced and handled under proper sanitary conditions, but it has been found that close supervision is necessary at all times.

The milk sanitation program of the State Board of Health is going forward by leaps and bounds. On account of our inadequate appropriation for the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering,, it was necessary for the State health officer to ask the State health officer of Louisiana for the loan of two Louisiana inspectors for work in Mississippi for a period of four months in order that shipments of milk into New Orleans from south Mississippi would not be prohibited on account of lack of proper observance of sanitary rules and regulations. Great improvements have been made in the dairy barns and practically all of the dairy cattle are being regularly tested for tuberculosis and the quality of the milk being produced is much more satisfactory to Mississippi and Louisiana authorities. The Board of Health has adopted the standard milk ordinance and with the co-operation of the U. S. Public Health Service will promote this work throughout the State. It is felt that fifteen or twenty cities and towns of the State will adopt the ordinance and begin the enforcement of same during the present year.

Child Hygiene and Public Health Nursing

The protection of the health of the children of the State constitutes one of the major activities of the State Board of Health. The program of public health work is focused upon the child and because of the fact that the greatest asset of the State is the child, it is felt that no phase of public health work is more important than the conservation of the health of the child. The Bureau of Child Hygiene and Public Health Nursing is one of the most essential divisions of the health work of the State. In the Bureau are the divisions—Maternity and Infancy Hygiene, and Mouth Hygiene, and Nutrition—all engaged in the business of conserving the health of mothers, infants, and pre-school and school children. It is believed that this work will have a more far-reaching effect upon the future development of the citizenship of Mississippi than any other phase of health work. In proportion that we may be able to elevate the standard of the health of children and train them to acquire habits of right living, will the civilization of the State be secure against the devitalizing effects of disease and the loss in production incident to preventable sickness and premature death.

The splendid program that has been carried out during the past two years in mouth hygiene has been made possible by the wonderful spirit of co-operation shown by the membership of the State Dental Association. The dental and medical men are co-operating in a splendid manner and it is only in this way that the best work is done. There has never been an excuse, much less a reason, for dentists and physicians to dislike each other and fail to work together in the interest of the common good. It is most refreshing to see these two great professions in Mississippi standing shoulder to shoulder in the fight for the promotion and betterment of the public health. The State health officer feels perfectly free to consult, advise with, and ask assistance from all dentists in the State. The Board of Health is very fortunate in having as one of its members, Dr. William R. Wright, who is recognized as a dentist and public health officer of national reputation.

Communicable Diseases

About two years ago it was decided that the Bureau of Social Hygiene should be reorganized and required to wage a fight not only on the venereal diseases, but all communicable diseases such as typhoid fever, diphtheria, smallpox, scarlet fever, and tuberculosis. While the Bureau of Social Hygiene did splendid work, it was thought that better work could be done to enlarge the functions of the Bureau and not have it engaged only in a program of the control of venereal diseases. This did not mean by any means that the fight against these diseases would be given up, but that it would continue, and in addition to these diseases all communicable diseases would be included in the program. Very gratifying results have been obtained and within the next biennial period the work of this Bureau will be outstanding among the States of the South.

County Health Work

The prevention of disease and the raising of the health standard among the people will depend more largely upon the efficient county health organization than upon any other one division of health work. In proportion that the local health work is done well, to that extent will the total incidence of disease be decreased and the death rate reduced. A properly functioning full-time county health department for every one of the eighty-two counties in Mississippi is the objective of state health work and the activities of the central organization are being directed to this end.

At the present time we have twenty-four full-time health departments in the State. Five of these were organized recently in the flooded area of Mississippi. Recently Lauderdale, Pike, Lincoln, Attala, Itawamba, Monroe, Winston, Scott, and several other counties have indicated a desire to arrange co-operative budgets for the organization and maintenance of full-time county health departments. It is believed that at least ten or twelve counties will budget to begin health work on a co-operative basis at the adjournment of the present legislature in the belief that the legislature, in its wisdom, foresight, and manifest interest in the public health of the State, will provide a reasonable increase with which to take care of these new counties.

State Tuberculosis Sanatorium

A splendid showing has been made in the control of tuberculosis in this State during the past ten years. Roughly speaking the disease has been reduced 45 per cent in cases and 30 per cent in deaths. It is realized that the actual treating of the cases amounts to very little compared to the value of general educational work in the prevention and control of the disease. The institution at Magee is doing splendid work and Mississippians are, and of right should be, proud of it.

As the educative influence of full-time county health work spreads over the State and as we progressively grow away from the idea of politics in public health, employing our workers only because they are competent and trustworthy and fitted for the work at hand, much greater reduction in the incidence of tuberculosis and other preventable diseases may be expected. It will be the policy of the State Board of Health to give directors of county health departments and public health nurses special training in tuberculosis, thereby making the full-time county health departments of the State supplementary educational arms of the tuberculosis sanatorium. At the sanatorium patients who have tuberculosis are taught the prevention of the disease in a thorough manner and they return to their homes and communities enthusiastic missionaries for the rest of their lives. The work of the State Board of Health with its educational program in the field against tuberculosis and with the careful instructions drilled into each patient at the Sanatorium will, in time, entirely control the disease in the State.

Mineral Resources of Mississippi

(By E. N. LOWE, State Geologist)

MINERAL resources may be classified as metallic and non-metallic. While to the average citizen "mineral wealth" means gold, silver, copper, lead, iron, and other metallic minerals, at the present day, with the exception of iron, the non-metallics are far more indispensable to the needs of man than the metallics just enumerated, and bring far greater values in the world's markets, though far less spectacular. Fewer sudden individual fortunes of collossal proportions are made in exploiting the non-metallics, but general well-being and prosperity affecting the many are more liable to follow their development than that of metallic minerals.

One exception to this statement is to be made in the case of petroleum, at present the most spectacular and important of the non-metallics. The history of petroleum development in this country presents a chapter of sudden and amazing fortunes, made almost at every turn—the romance of fortunes made overnight, and oftentimes lost as quickly.

What then are the mineral resources of Mississippi? The state is rich in non-metallics, but has few metallic minerals. Of these, only two need receive attention here—iron and aluminum. After them, the more important non-metallics will be considered.

Iron—We cannot expect to compete with Alabama or Michigan in iron ores, but in the aggregate our ores will go into the millions of tons. At no one place do we find these ores in beds of great thickness and extent, but comparatively small surficial deposits occur scattered over several counties in both north and south Mississippi. The ore is of two kinds: carbonate, or spathic ore, and brown oxide ore, which seems to be derived by weathering from the spathic ores. Usually these ores lie at the surface or under light overburden, permitting of mining by stripping, the cheapest method of mining.

Iron ores generally are of two qualities according to the quality of pig iron made from them—Bessemer and non-Bessemer ores, the difference being that one is suitable for making Bessemer steel, while the other is not. An ore to be a Bessemer ore must be low in silica and sulphur, and must contain not more than one-tenth of 1 per cent of phosphorus. Our Mississippi ores are nearly all Bessemer ores. However, our scattered deposits will probably not be mined for steel manufacture until improved transportation facilities make them more accessible than they are now. A few years ago a charcoal furnace in Benton county smelted a small tonnage of excellent pig iron.

It is more probable, however, that our iron ores will be more useful for mineral paints than for iron manufacture. This is particularly true inasmuch as the greater tonnage of these ores is gray carbonate, which on roasting may be made into paints of different shades of red and brown. Within the last few years considerable tonnage of this "paint rock," as it is popularly called, has been shipped out of the state for paint manufacture. While this procedure is better than its total non-use, the returns would be far greater both to the owner of the ore and to the state at large if plants were established within the state for its conversion into the finished product.

Aluminum—The ore of aluminum is bauxite, which is the oxide. Ordinary clays contain aluminum in abundance, but with present processes it cannot be economically extracted from the clay. Hence, for a good many years almost the sole commercial source of the metal aluminum has been bauxite, which has so far been discovered in only a few states of this country. Fully 95 per cent of the bauxite produced in the United States comes from Arkansas, the output of which is practically in the hands of the American Bauxite Company. In 1926, 392,250 long tons of bauxite was produced in the United States, and in the same year, 281,644 long tons were imported from foreign countries, mainly from South America.

The discovery of bauxite in Mississippi a few years ago led to a careful prospecting of the bauxite areas in several northern counties of the state by the Mississippi Bauxite Company, a concern organized at Sheffield, Alabama. The result of several months of detailed investigation disclosed the existence, as shown in the Mississippi Geological Survey Bulletin No. 19, of large bodies of this ore of commercial grade. Careful estimate placed the tonnage of high grade bauxite containing 50 to 60 per cent of aluminum oxide at 400,000 tons, and of low grade ore, showing 40 per cent and lower, of aluminum oxide at 1,500,000 tons.

At present the chief use of bauxite is in the manufacture of metallic aluminum, which has a growing sphere of usefulness. But the lower grades of this ore find a wide field of usefulness in the manufacture of abrasives and in making refractories, such as fire brick, furnace linings, and similar products of growing importance.

So far the Mississippi bauxite deposits have not been developed, but with the advent of hydro-electricity in Mississippi development of these ores may be confidently looked for. Practically the whole output of Arkansas is used by the American Bauxite Company, and hence all independent users of bauxite must look elsewhere for their supply, which is a hopeful outlook for early development of the Mississippi fields.

Cement Resources—By far the greater part of the cement used in the United States today is Portland cement, an artificial product, made from an admixture of certain proportions of clay with ground limestone of a certain grade of purity. Some limestones have the clay or shale naturally mixed in right proportion to make a cement. This is called natural cement, and while it is used to some extent, is not as reliable as Portland cement. In the extreme northeast corner of Mississippi enormous deposits of shaly limestone suitable for making natural cement lie within easy reach of the Tennessee river, which furnishes a cheap and easy transportation to markets of the Mississippi valley.

In the northeast prairie belt and in the outcrop of the Vicksburg limestone across the state unlimited deposits of limestones suitable for the manufacture of Portland cement lie at the surface in more than twenty counties of the state, and is in thickness sufficient to supply all the Portland cement that the whole south could use for the next hundred years.

In 1923 there were 126 active cement plants in the United States, only ten of which were in the south—five in Alabama and five in Texas. These 126 plants in 1927 made 157,295,212 barrels of cement, and the demand, especially in the south where rapid development is taking place, is steadily increasing. Texas and Alabama plants can hardly supply home consumption in those states. Mississippi is well located for cement distribution throughout the middle south; but as yet our enormous resources of material for cement making lie practically unused, while we are forced to buy from other states. Mississippi would probably have had cement plants before now but for the fuel problem. In the manufacture of cement the greatest single item of expense is that of fuel, amounting to 30 or 40 per cent. Coal is the fuel universally used in the manufacture of cement. Mississippi has no coal; wood as a fuel is out of the question, and our lignite resources are not yet developed. It is not difficult to see, then, why Mississippi has no cement plants. Electricity is now taking the place of coal in so many smelting and similar processes that we may confidently expect at no distant day that it will be used in the manufacture of Portland cement. The advent of the large resources of hydro-electric power into Mississippi, will, in my opinion, solve the fuel problem in connection with the manufacture of cement in this state.

Lignite—I said a few moments ago that Mississippi has no coal. This is regrettably true; the coal formations of Alabama stop just short of the eastern boundary line of Mississippi. But we have in this state large bodies of lignite of great purity and of high fuel value. Lignite is immature coal, not so firm, of lower fuel value, and containing considerably more water, than bituminous coal. Our lignites, which are found in about twenty counties of the state, contain from 25 to 35 per cent of water when first taken from the mine, and in this condition are unfit for use as fuel. As they slake and crumble to pieces on drying they are still unfit for use, but by proper treatment they can be converted into valuable fuel. There are three methods of treatment by which these lignites can be converted into useful fuels: 1st. By briquetting, which consists in grinding, drying, admixing a small proportion of some bituminous substance as a binder, and then compressing the material under heavy weight into small solid masses, called briquettes, which are then used satisfactorily as fuel. 2nd. By conversion into gas. This is done by destructive distillation, which yields abundance of gas that is used as fuel. By this second method it has been proved that, pound for

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Men and Women Who Believe in Mississippi

THESE editorial mentions are written and pictures printed for the purpose of introducing the people of Mississippi to each other, acting as a toastmaster that there may be closer and better cooperation, which will assist in doing greater things for the State. And at the same time let the people outside of the State know us better. These men and women are workers in their particular position for their special community, and are real "Builders."

W. C. SMITH

W. CALEB SMITH, Gulfport, Miss.---Manager of the Land Department of the Edward Hines Yellow Pine Trustees, with offices in the G. & S. I. Building, Gulfport, Miss.---W. Caleb Smith, a native of Sikeston, Mo., receiving his early education in the schools of that city, afterwards taking a business course in the Gem City Business College, of Quincy, Ills. After graduating from this institution he selected and elected that his vocation in life would be that of handling real estate, a business in which he has been most successful. He was manager of the land department of the Payson Smith Lumber Company, handling the business of the Chicago office for a time. He then took the Illinois management of the Land Department of the Strauss Brothers Company, of Fort Wayne, Ind. Two years ago Mr. Smith listened to the "Call of the South," and realizing that the opportunities of Mississippi were the greatest, he took over the management of the land department of the Fernwood Lumber Company, with offices in Tylertown, Walthal County. Mississippi. In November last he became the manager of the land department of the Edward Hines Yellow Pine Trustees, who have large land holdings in Harrison, Pearl River and Hancock Counties, Mississippi, and are now colonizing eighty thousard acres of this land. Mr. Smith is an able real estate man and a citizen of worth in a community. He is a hustler and his work will be an outstanding feature of the development of South Mississippi; having traveled extensively through forty states he is in position to know values and compare South Mississippi with other sections---and says he is here to stay.

ARTHUR W. LANG, Gulfport, Miss.---Undertaker and Embalmer, and Progressive Citizen.---Mr. Lang is a native of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, born in Pass Christian, Harrison County, and has lived on the Coast all of his life, taking part in all movements that have a tendency toward the advancement of his home community. He was educated in the common schools of Pass Christian, and took a course in his profession in the schools of New Orleans. In 1915 he took charge of the business of the Lang Undertaking Company in Gulfport, and now owns and operates the business, having built up the enterprise to one of the largest in the state. Mr. Lang, or "Arthur" as he is familiarly known by his legion of friends, has been and is a true "Builder." He firmly believes in a great future for the Coast, taking an active part in this onward march to greatness. He is a great lover of all kinds of athletic sports and one of the leading baseball fans of his home city, being the president of the Gulfport Baseball Association, and is always found where athletic sports are being held. In fraternal circles he is popular and a member of the local lodge of Elks, having served as Exalted Ruler of that body and was recently elected as the representative of the Grand Lodge. He is also at the present time the record keeper of the local lodge of the Maccabees.

A. W. LANG

GEO. M. FOOTE

HON. GEORGE M. FOOTE, Gulfport, Miss.---Merchandise Broker and Member of the State Senate.---Among those good Mississippians who have attained a high position among their fellow citizens is the subject of this sketch, the Hon. George M. Foote, who has been and is one of the foremost men in the "Building" of Gulfport and the Mississippi Coast of today. Mr. Foote is a native of Macon, Miss., but has lived in Gulfport for the past twenty-two years and has taken an advanced position in its citizenship. He has been in the merchandise brokerage and the wholesale grocery business for the past nineteen years, both here and at Hattiesburg. Mr. Foote was educated in the public and private schools of Columbus, Miss., where he lived as a boy and young man. In 1909 he was elected Mayor of Gulfport and served the city in that capacity during the years of 1909, 1910, 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1918. During the terms of his holding this office he was instrumental in making many improvements in all departments of the city government. He is a firm believer in the great future of his home community and a faithful worker in the development of its exceptional advantages. In the social life of the city he is a prominent figure, and is a member of the Elks and K. of P. and active in the work of the Rotary Club.

PLEASANT R. PERKINS, Gulfport, Miss.---Extensive Dealer in all lines of Real Estate, and Leading Citizen of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.---It is a pleasure for the writer to speak of men who have achieved success in their life's work and in this instance we take particular pleasure in writing of that progressive "Builder," Pleasant R. Perkins. Mr. Perkins is a native Mississippian, born in Chickasaw County. In early life he attended the schools there, but was still only a boy when he had to go to work, and as Mr. Perkins says, he has been at it ever since. Sixteen years ago he entered the real estate business and four years later he came to the Mississippi Gulf Coast and has been and still is in that business. He has developed, built and landscaped one of the very prettiest homes on the Coast, and has also developed one of the best pecan orchards, located about seven miles northeast of Gulfport. He has studied the soils of the coastal country and says there are only four distinct types of soil, and he can tell you just what crops can be raised on each. He also knows and can show more boundary lines than any other man in Harrison County. This expert knowledge has materially assisted him in his work and made it possible for him to give his clients exact information. In the upbuilding of the Coast country, especially in Harrison County, Mr. Perkins has taken a prominent part in such development work. He is a firm believer in a great future for this section and gives his time, money and energy to further any project that has merit, working for the betterment of his home community. Being a man of high citizenship he has many warm personal friends in South Mississippi, especially, although he is well and favorably known throughout the state where he has large holdings in real estate.

P. R. PERKINS

pound,, lignite has as high fuel value as bituminous coal used in the ordinary way. 3rd. By grinding the lignite to a fine powder and blowing this powder by air blast directly into the furnace, the heat of which readily ignites it.

Any one of the above mentioned processes adds, of course, to the cost of the fuel, and for this reason lignite in our country has not been able to compete with coal as a fuel. Numerous attempts to mine our lignites have all failed for want of a market. However, we need not feel discouraged; the rising price of coal and the industrial ingenuity of the day, may combine at any time to bring our lignites into the market, and under any circumstances we may expect them to become economically available at no very distant date.

Clays—Clay is usually considered of no particular value—in the past most of us have been in the habit of considering it a nuisance rather than as a valuable resource. Coal, iron, and oil are generally regarded as the indispensable minerals of twentieth century civilization. But to these a fourth, clay, should be added as one of the indispensables of today. Clay has certain properties which make it of inestimable value, and which no other mineral or combination of minerals has. Whole libraries have been written on clays; whole industries have been built upon it, and numbers of men of science have given their whole lives to its technology. We get some estimate of its importance when we note the statement of the United States Geological Survey that the clay products of the United States had a valuation of $374,000,000 in 1920; and that valuation has risen by leaps and bounds since that date. During any year from 1912 to the present, the clay products of the United States have exceeded in valuation all the gold, silver, and lead combined that was produced in the whole United States (including Alaska) for the same year.

Two general classes of clays may be recognized; first, common red-burning brick and tile clays, and second, higher grade white-burning, ball and pottery clays. The first class includes those which are chiefly used for the manufacture of common brick and tile, hollow building tile, and roofing and drain tile. Certain of these clays are also used in the manufacture of terra cotta, others for paving brick, and other vitrified wares. Practically every county in the state has clays suitable for making brick of excellent quality. Nearly 100 plants, large and small, in Mississippi are making brick of these clays; drain tile is being made by a few plants, located largely in the Delta.

In the course of the work of the State Geological Survey it has been discovered that enormous deposits of high grade white clays occur in many counties of the state. In fact, few states in the country are as rich in these clays as is Mississippi. Half a dozen of our counties are known to have these white clay deposits, practically as pure as residual kaolin, in quantity sufficient to furnish the whole country for an indefinite time. In one pit the clay is known to be at least eighteen feet thick, and the bottom of the deposit has not been reached, the outcrop extending to a known lateral distance of half a mile. At another pit, pure white clay to a depth of fifteen feet is exposed, and drillings made in the bottom of the pit revealed a thickness of forty feet, below which was a few feet of sand, and this underlain by another deposit of white clay to a depth of seventy feet, and borings have demonstrated the lateral extent to cover at least ten to twelve acres, and probably much more.

These figures can be practically duplicated in many parts of the state, so that there is no question as to the enormous supply within our borders. But so far, these deposits have received only limited development. Several small potteries operating in a few counties of the state, and some small tonnage of clay shipped out from the state, make up the sum of this development.

It might be instructive to note some of the many lines of usefulness to which these white clays have been applied: All kinds of stoneware, such as jugs, churns, crocks, jars, etc.; tableware and white wares; Rockingham wares; sanitary ware, such as bowls, lavatories, tubs, sinks, basins and pans; for refractory purposes, as fire brick, crucibles, saggers, glasspots; Faience, or art wares, as vases, jardiniers, umbrella stands, fern dishes, pedestals; and miscellaneous wares, such as mortars and pestles, emery wheels, retorts, condensers, smoking pipes, door knobs, and numerous other things in common use.

In addition to these uses white clays are now universally employed as fillers for both paint and paper, for electric fixtures and for spark plugs, for soaps and cosmetics, and for use in making toothpastes.

With this wide, and ever-widening field of usefulness for clays we begin to understand why the clay products of the United States—not the crude clays, but the thousand and one things made out of clay—bring each year the incredible valuation of $374,000,000. And with our enormous clay deposits we naturally ask ourselves why Mississippi should not realize large financial returns from them.

The same general causes have in the past militated against the development of our clays, and other mineral resources, which have operated against the development of all other industries in the state. It is not necessary to name these causes, but that they exist is well known to those who have considered the industrial situation. Suffice it to say, that at the present time industrialism is in the air, and along with other industrial movements, we may expect that development of our clays will take place. The one thing that will encourage that development more than any other is the establishment in the state of an adequate clay testing and ceramics department. Such a plant will be able to make practical tests of all our clays, demonstrate their best line of usefulness, and by exhibiting in the markets of the country, at Chicago, New York, Washington, Baltimore, and other centers of business, samples of the wares made from our clays, will bring them to the attention of the world.

The state geologist, at the meeting of the last legislature, asked for the establishment of such a plant, but the necessary appropriation to carry out the plan failed in the senate. If Mississippi wants her vast clay resources developed she must spent a little money to adequately test and prove their quality.

Special Clays—For a good many years fullers earth of good grade has been known to exist in several parts of Mississippi. On preliminary tests these have proved as good as the fuller's earth from other states or from Europe. Within the last year or two other large deposits of high grade earth have become known in Winston and Yalobusha counties.

While none of these deposits have been exploited they are receiving attention from users of fuller's earth in different parts of the country. The State Geological Survey has recently received very special inquiries about these deposits and requests for samples, which bids fair to lead to development at an early date. In 1926 the production of fuller's earth in this country was 234,152 short tons, in addition to which about half that amount was imported from abroad. With the exploitation of our own deposits, which are equally good, it is hoped to supply the 121,000 tons which are now being imported from foreign countries.

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WALTER P. JAMES

WALTER P. JAMES, Gulfport, Miss.---Horticulturist, Illinois Central Railroad, Gulf and Ship Island Division.---In the development of the great natural resources of South Mississippi in agriculture and horticulture there is no man that should have greater credit than Mr. Walter P. James. To him must be given the credit of the development work that has taken place along the lines of the G. and S. I. Division of the Illinois Central R. R., especially in peach culture, for he has been instrumental in placing over one thousand acres of land to the growing of peaches, a large portion of which is now bearing fruit. When this development work was started by Mr. James five years ago there was only a few acres set out to peaches in the state; now there is over two thousand. Mr. James is a native of Indiana, and is a graduate of the University of Illinois, coming to Mississippi seven years ago and was with A. and M. College one year in the Horticultural Department. He then went with the G. and S. I. Railroad and for the past six years has been engaged in development work along the lines of this road. By education and practical experience he is well fitted for the work that he is doing, and as he loves this work, makes him all the more efficient in what he is doing. Mr. James is in every sense of the word a true "Builder."

WILLIAM ESTOPINAL, Gulfport, Miss.---Attorney at Law and a hard Coast worker, taking an active part in those matters that are calculated to advance the interests of the Coast section and South Mississippi. Mr. Estopinal was born in New Orleans, attending the common schools there and afterwards graduated from Tulane University, receiving his civil law degree. He then attended Lincoln and Jefferson University of Hammond, Ind., from which he graduated in law. When "Billy" as he is known among his friends, selected a place for his home and activities he came to Gulfport some twenty-three years ago and opened his office where he has practiced his profession ever since. He is an able lawyer and controls a large practice in the courts of the state. He is a man of the highest citizenship, a man that has always been active in advancing those projects that have a tendency to advance and develop the great resources of the Coast section; to these he has given his time and money. The writer has known Mr. Estopinal for the past eight years and has always admired his work even against great difficulties. In the fraternal life of the city he is a member of the Elks, of which body he is at present serving as Exalted Ruler. He is also a member of the W. O. W., Maccabees, and Druids.

WM. ESTOPINAL

KARL FASOLD

KARL FASOLD, Gulfport, Miss.---Leading Jeweler, Optician and Progressive Citizen.---Prominent among the leading business men of Gulfport and the Mississippi Gulf Coast is Karl Fasold, who has lived here and done business in the city for the past twenty years. Mr. Fasold is a native of Bavaria, receiving his education in the schools of that country. He came to the United States twenty-six years ago and twenty years ago he opened up his present business in a small way in Gulfport. Being a progressive business man and citizen he has been highly successful, and today controls the larger percentage of the jewelry, optical repairing business on the Coast. His store is conveniently located in the Anderson Theatre building, on Twenty-fifth avenue, in the heart of the business section of the city. During his business life in Gulfport, "Karl," as his many friends call him, has taken an active part in all movements calculated to advance the interests of the city and the Coast section. He is a courteous and most likable gentleman, and a citizen who believes in a great future for the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and one that is ever found in the forefront of the activities promoting its advancement.

GEORGE C. ROBINSON, Biloxi, Miss.---President and Manager of the Suburban Orchards Company.---Mr. Robinson has spent twenty years on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, during which time he has been in the work of developing permanent orchards in pecans and fruits, improving a large acreage of Coast lands. In fact the Suburban Orchards Company, of which Mr. Robinson is the manager, are pioneers in this line of development, and to him must be given the credit of starting this great work. Mr. Robinson is a native of Iowa, but has been interested on the Coast for twenty years when he came here to establish this company in which he has been most successful. He is a man of large vision, a man who could look into the future and realize what it meant to this section of the country. He is a former farmer and bank cashier, a man of sterling qualities and an able business man. In the life of Biloxi's activities he has taken a personal part, and is a member of the Masonic order, M. W. O. A., and a member of the Biloxi Real Estate Board and the Chamber of Commerce. The writer has known Mr. Robinson for the past seven years and admires him for that hustling spirit that he possesses to assist in the building of bigger and better things. As a "Builder" of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Mr. Robinson stands in the forefront. You are invited to write him regarding his development projects.

GEO. C. ROBINSON

S. O. HERRINGTON

S. O. HERRINGTON, Gulfport, Miss.---Superintendent of the Orange Grove High School and Prominent Educator.---Prof. Herrington was born in Jasper County and is a graduate of the Jasper County Agricultural High School and of Mississippi State Teachers College. He has followed the profession of teaching for the past five years and is classed among the leading educators of the state. One year ago he was called to take charge of the Orange Grove High School, and is fast building that school to a high position among the schools of the state. The Orange Grove School is housed in a handsome building with spacious grounds, placing it among the most attractive school buildings on the Coast. There are ten teachers in the several departments under the leadership of Mr. Herrington, who has systematized the school in its efficiency for good work among the pupils of the school. In the life of Gulfport and the Orange Grove district Mr. Herrington takes an active part and is a prominent member of the Baptist Church. He is well qualified for the position he holds and takes a strong personal interest in each and every one of the scholars that attend the school.

Bentonite is a peculiar clay, supposed to be of volcanic origin, which during the past few years has attracted a good deal of attention. It is a rare product of the west, but of late has been found to exist in two or three of the southern states. In Mississippi it has been found to exist in commercial deposits in several counties, occupying at least two different geologic horizons. Besides its qualities as a highly plastic clay, bentonite has special qualities, because of which it is lately becoming sought after. It has been found that high grade bentonite when treated with acid may be used as a fuller's earth for clarifying oils, both organic and mineral, but having many times greater effectiveness than the best fuller's earth. It is used in soap making, not as an impurity, but it improves the quality of the product, so that soap-makers are looking for commercial deposits of this clay. Recently it has been found to possess the property of de-inking old newspapers, books, etc., so that the pulp can be used over and over again, thereby saving the enormous yearly waste due to destruction of such material, with consequent inroads upon our forest resources.

From many parts of the country interest in manifested in Mississippi's bentonite deposits, and the Geological Survey has sent out, in response to requests, many samples of this material, all of which when tested have proved satisfactory, and we are confidently expecting an early exploitation of these deposits.

The great desideratum to be considered in the development of our enormously valuable clay deposits is the establishment by the state of an adequate clay-testing plant. The Geological Survey receives numerous inquiries as to the qualities of our various clays, and in nearly every instance the inquiry is about a clay suitable for some specific purpose, but we are seldom able to give a definite answer, for the reason that, while we have had chemical analyses of many of our clays, only in a few instances have we been able to give them practical furnace tests. A chemical test cannot supply the information which the practical furnace tests give; and in the case of refractory clays, only furnaces capable of very high temperature tests will furnish the necessary information. Hence, such tests as we have been able to give to a few of our clays have been made at northern institutions, at a cost of about $50 a sample. The state could save a great deal of money, and tests of all our clays could be made if the state would establish a properly equipped testing plant and ceramics department. This would insure the widest possible advertisement of one of our most important sources of wealth.

Other Minerals—Besides those already mentioned, Mississippi has large deposits of several other non-metallic minerals which have undoubted value, and which, when developed, will prove resources of importance. In fact, some of these may eventually prove of greater value than some of the metallic minerals already mentioned.

Great deposits of snow-white pulverulent silica, or tripolite, offer possibilities as a polishing powder, fillers, glass-pot making material and ornamental wares. Together with adjacent high percentage limestone, tripolite offers possibilities for white cement. Ochres and mineral pigments, both yellow and red, form an excellent source of paint. Large deposits of both of these materials of uniform tints, and free from sand or other impurities, lie easily accessible to transportation. Only limited development has been undertaken so far, but these deposits are capable of much greater development. Ochres are found in several different parts of the state.

Lately a highly refractory material under the name of "Baukite" has received a good deal of attention, and if results of first tests are confirmed by later tests, this takes its place as a resource of real value. The deposits are large, and being rather closely associated with deposits of bauxite, has the appearance of a highly siliceous bauxite, though it grades into almost pure silica. Under the auspices of the Gulf, Mobile and Northern railroad it is receiving additional tests. This material gives promise of proving to be a good furnace lining.

Sands, pure enough for glass manufacture have been discovered in several parts of the state, and a good many years ago a development was projected on Horn Island, but proved to be premature; the sand was abundant and pure enough, but the fuel problem caused abandonment of the project.

Mineral Waters, mostly chalybeate, sulphur, and "alum" waters, are distributed quite largely over the state, being perhaps most abundant in the southern half. Some of these wells and springs are well-known resorts, with hotel and other facilities. In some instances the waters are bottled and shipped out of the state, often to distant points. As a valuable resource, these mineral waters should be more largely developed. It seems quite probable that eventually the warm well waters (which are also highly mineralized) around Jackson, may prove of distinct value for health resort purposes. Should these waters prove to be radio-active, their great value would be unquestioned.

Oil and Gas—In October, 1926, gas was encountered in a well near Amory, in Monroe county; as yet no oil has been found in commercial quantity within the state. It seems quite probable, however, that further careful testing will prove the presence in the vicinity of the discovery well not only of a larger volume of gas, but of oil as well. Up to the present, I see no distinct reason for discouragement. Not all parts of the state are equally favorable for oil discovery; but should the Amory region prove to be oil-bearing, all parts of the state will undoubtedly be carefully tested, with the possibility of finding oil in other parts as well.

By the new electro-physical methods of investigation the discovery of hidden coastal domes in south Mississippi becomes an interesting possibility.

In all the above discussions the potential values of Mississippi's mineral resources have been frequently spoken of, but let it be known that her mineral wealth is not all **potential.** In 1920 the mineral output of Mississippi was in value, $2,198,013, but in view of the abundance of our resources it should have been twenty times as much.

Bank Deposits Make Large Gains

THAT the State Banks of Mississippi made large gains during 1927 is shown in a statement given by Mr. J. S. Love, state superintendent of banks. The statement shows that deposits in State Banks increased $19,900,000 from December 31, 1926 to December 31, 1927, according to comparative statement given out by Mr. Love February 1 of this year.

An analysis of the statement of three hundred and eleven State Banks at the end of 1927 shows the condition of the banks to be sound.

Total loans and discounts carried was $204,156,683.56 or an increase over 1926 of $20,131,714.77.

Total loans and discounts carried by these banks at the end of last year was $113,572,814.56, and total cash on hand in these same banks was $41,804,000.

Savings deposits during twelve month period, 1926-1927, increased over two million, and time certificates increased during the same time by three million four hundred thousand.

Probably the most gratifying feature of this statement, said Mr. Love, is the percentage of loans to deposits, which have been reduced to sixty-one per cent.

J. J. SCARBOROUGH

J. J. SCARBOROUGH, Poplarville, Miss.---Dealing in Real Estate and underwriter of all lines of Insurance.---Prominent among the outstanding men of Pearl River County and especially of Poplarville is J. J. Scarborough, one of the city's leading business men and progressive spirited citizens. In fact Mr. Scarborough for the past twenty-six years has been a prominent and leading citizen of Poplarville, in the progress and upbuilding of which he has taken an active part. He is a native Mississippian, born in Noxubee County. At an early age he moved to Winston County, where he attended the common schools, coming to Pearl River county in 1899, and has been actively engaged in the Insurance and Real Estate business there for twenty-six years. In his business life he has been successful, but with all his busy life, Mr. Scarborough has given much of his time and assistance to many projects that have assisted in the forward march of his home county and community, which is now considered one of, if not the leading county of the State, and in bringing about this pleasant state of affairs, Mr. Scarborough has been a prominent factor. For eleven years he was the postmaster of Poplarville, and is today one of the active workers in all programs advanced by the local Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club. He is also a member of the local lodge of the Woodmen of the World.

E. B. FERRIS, Poplarville, Miss.---Assistant Director in Charge South Mississippi Branch Experiment Station.---This is one of the most important interests in South Mississippi as the Station was established for the purpose of fully demonstrating what can be grown and produced in all agricultural and fruit raising products and the Station has been a most material benefit to the men who have, and are developing these resources of South Mississippi, especially in Pearl River and adjoining counties. Mr. Ferris has been located at Poplarville for the past eight years and has been in this work for twenty-five years. Was in charge of the McNeill Branch Experiment Station eighteen years before its location was changed to Poplarville. For seven years he was attached to the chemical department of A. and M. College, coming from there to Pearl River County, where he has taken an advanced position in the development work of this State. He is at present serving the city of Poplarville as a member of the board of aldermen. Mr. Ferris is a native of Trinity, Ala., receiving his education at Decatur, after which he attended Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College, from which institution he graduated in 1895. In the social and fraternal life of Poplarville he takes a prominent position and is an active member of the Masonic bodies, the Woodmen of the World, the K. of P., and the Rotary Club.

E. B. FERRIS

GEO. A. ANDERSON

GEORGE AUSTIN ANDERSON, Picayune, Miss.---A leader in the progressive activities of Pearl River County.---Mr. Anderson was born in Wisconsin and received his education in the schools of that State. He then studied at the Art Institute of Chicago, from which institution he graduated. He was assistant to the American Editor of the "Christian Science Monitor," of Boston, Mass., an internationally known publication, for a short time, and has been a contributor to several of the leading journals of the country. Mr. Anderson came South ten years ago with the Goodyear Yellow Pine interests and acted as purchasing agent and sales manager. Recently he took over the management of their hotel, the "Peach Tree Inn," and has succeeded in making this hotel popular among the traveling men through its modern equipment, unusually good food, and the courteous service shown its guests. Since becoming a citizen of Picayune he has put his best efforts forth in all projects calculated for the betterment of his home community. He is popular in all walks of the city's life, is a Mason and a Shriner, and a member of the Exchange Club.

W. S. ANDERSON, Poplarville, Miss.---Mr. Anderson holds the position in an able and satisfactory manner of Horticulturist at the South Mississippi Branch Experiment Station at Poplarville, and is an assistant to Mr. E. B. Ferris in this most important work of education in the practical demonstration in growing all varieties of fruits. That his work has brought results is fully demonstrated and manifested in the large fruit orchards that are successfully operated in that section of Mississippi. Mr. Anderson is a native of Mississippi, born in Scott County, receiving his education in the schools of Simpson County, and in 1922 graduated from Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College. After leaving college he was engaged in agricultural and horticultural work in Virginia. But being a true Mississippian, and believing in a great future for his native State he returned to the State of his birth, and for the past four years has held his present position. Mr. Anderson has proven his worth in this particular line of endeavor, and has given his personal expert assistance to many projects in the fruit industry in this section of the State. He is a progressive citizen and a firm believer, with a vision of greater things to come for South Mississippi and takes pleasure in rendering his assistance when called upon.

W. S. ANDERSON

PROVOST BROTHERS, Poplarville, Miss.---Merchants and Progressive Business Men.---As a rule the stranger pronounces judgment on the progressive spirit of a city, or town, by the character of its business houses. If they are of the higher order in their special line of business, the verdict is, "This Town is a Good One." In Poplarville there are several houses of this character, and most prominent among them is the grocery and provision store operated by the members of this firm. These gentlemen have lived in Poplarville all of their lives, and for nearly three years have conducted this business most successfully.

M. N. McCOY, Poplarville, Miss.---Dealer in General Merchandise; Member of the City Board of Aldermen.---For thirty years Mr. McCoy has resided in Poplarville and for the past five years has been one of the leading merchants of the city. In the civic and social life of Poplarville he takes an active part, and is now serving the city on its Board of Aldermen and one of the most progressive men of that able body of citizens. In fraternal circles he is a Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the K. of P., and Odd Fellows. Mr. McCoy is a believer that his home city will take a much higher place among the cities of the State.

I. C. ROWLS, Poplarville, Miss.---Member of the firm of Rowls Brothers, dealers in General Merchandise, and leading business man.---Mr. Rowls is a native of Poplarville, educated in the Poplarville High school and afterward graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1915. He then located in business in Hattiesburg, selling out in 1918 to go to the World War, serving nearly two years, after which he returned to Poplarville and with his two brothers established their present business in which they have been very successful. In the civic and social life of his home city, as well as in the business life, Mr. Rowls is popular and is a 32nd degree Mason, Scottish Rite, and member of the Shriners and Hamasa Temple. Rowls Brothers operate five stores at the present time.

Some of the Opportunities Mississippi Offers

(By R. S. WITHERS)

R. S. WITHERS

MANY able writers have repeatedly called attention to the varied undeveloped resources of our State. While this form of publicity has resulted in much good to the State, the time has arrived when we ought to do something constructive along these lines, rather than talk so much about what can be done, or what ought to be done by others.

The object of this sketch is to try and arouse interest in this matter to such a pitch that our own people will take hold and do something on their own account and not wait until foreign capital comes along and does it for them. Mississippi has a multitude of advantages to offer to local as well as foreign investors. While some of our resources have been exploited in a small way, none of them with the exception of the cotton and lumber industries have been developed to that extent of which they are capable.

It is not appropriate at this time to enumerate the long list of valuable products which the underground surface of the State yields, and I will only mention a few of those which other writers have failed to stress fully. Among those to which scant attention has been paid, I will mention the many splendid medicinal waters which flow from our mineral springs and wells. Natural gas is really one of the most important products of the soil, for where adequate supplies of fuel gases are found, industrial enterprises quickly spring up around these sources of this, the most valuable of all industrial fuels. Natural gas is especially adapted to the manufacture of glass, vitrified tile and brick, surface brick and all other industries where practically carbon-free fuel is essential. Crude petroleum is universally associated with natural gas and from present indications, Mississippi will soon enter the list of oil producing states, and when she does we will enter upon an era of fortune and fame, only dimly dreamed of the present time.

Another of Mississippi's most priceless resources, not underground however, is the unsurpassed climate and natural beauty of our Gulf Coast region. Now that we have adequate and splendid hotel accommodations and first-class railroad connections to all northern centers, we may look for an influx of capital and population, that will make this beautiful region one of the greatest resort and residential sections of the whole country. Dairying, fruit growing and trucking have been developed to a high degree, still all of these are capable of much greater growth and these possibilities should not be overlooked.

During the last State administration our laws have been greatly liberalized so as to be more attractive to outside investors. Our present governor is already committed to a policy of upbuilding of all legitimate enterprises and we can confidently look forward to a great era of prosperity in the next few years.

The saddest and most depressing sight that comes under my observation as I ride to and fro over our State, is the vast area of abandoned or non-productive land. In the hands of an industrious and intelligent citizenry, every acre of such land can be made to yield a bountiful return. Not agriculturally perhaps, but a merciful Providence has so distributed its treasures that every portion of our State is, in a measure, equally favored and these hidden treasures are but a storehouse of wealth for future generations.

Mississippi stands today with outstretched hands of welcome, inviting all good American citizens to come and share with us our undeveloped bounties. Any person who produces new and legitimate wealth should be looked upon as a public benefactor. We have room for thousands of such men in Mississippi and if they come and cast their lot with us, the fruits of their industry and vision will be richly rewarded.

Mississippi---A Forest State

(By R. L. HOGUE, State Forester)

R. L. HOGUE

FOR three centuries have people labored to remove the timber and put the land occupied thereby into cultivation. Believing that in agricultural development lay the hope of progress, clearing of land has been encouraged by every means to the end that all staple crops for the past twenty years have been produced in excess of the demand whenever a good year for that particular crop occurred over the region devoted to producing it.

Wheat, corn, cotton, potatoes, tobacco—each has sold under the cost of producing it following a bumper crop.

Twenty years ago fear seized the people that their children might not be able to acquire land for homes within the state and with the slogan "Mississippi for Mississippians" a law was passed restricting each corporation's real estate holdings to $2,000,000 in value. At that time corporations were extensively buying up timber lands for milling purposes. Agriculture had been the mainstay for generations and a community counted its wealth in the acres of fertile land in cultivation. Ninety-two per cent of the people in 1900 according to the U. S. census were engaged in agriculture in the state and nearly 100 per cent of those in other occupations were almost wholly dependent on agriculture, either directly or indirectly, for their incomes. Outside money pouring into the state to pay for the products of the forest and has been perhaps the chief basis for the measure of prosperity enjoyed by Mississippi in recent years. Without this income the

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DR. J. W. MOODY

DR. J. WARREN MOODY, Poplarville, Miss.---Owner and operating the Pearl River County Hospital.---The Pearl River County Hospital is an institution that is highly appreciated by the people of that county and adjoining community. The hospital is under the management of the owner, who is a physician and surgeon well known throughout South Mississippi and adjoining section of Louisiana. Dr. Moody is a native of Poplarville and has spent a large portion of his life there, giving to the people the benefit of his knowledge in his profession. He received his early education in the common and high schools of Poplarville, afterward attending Louisville Medical College two years, and graduating from Tulane Medical College, of New Orleans, in 1906, taking a post-graduate course in the Post-Graduate School of Medicine in New Orleans in 1916. He also attended the Mayo Clinic, of Rochester, Minn., in 1920. Is a member of the Southern Medical Association, the Mississippi Medical Association, and the South Mississippi Medical Association, and is a member of the Southern Railway Surgeons' Association, local surgeon for Southern Railway, and has had active charge of this hospital for the past seven years. As a citizen of Poplarville and Pearl River County, Dr. Moody is honored for his high character of citizenship and progressive thought that leads him to be active in those movements for the betterment of his home community, in the social and civic life of which he is prominent. He is a member of the Masonic bodies, a Shriner, a W. O. W., Elk, K. of P., and a progressive member of the local Rotary Club.

WILMON A. STEWART, Poplarville, Miss.---Leading Business Man and Public-Spirited Citizen.---Among the prominent business men of Poplarville that have achieved success in the business world is Wilmon A. Stewart, the secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Poplarville Garage Company, one of the largest and best equipped establishments of this character in South Mississippi. This business which Mr. Stewart has built up handles the Ford and Lincoln cars and the Fordson tractors. In the sales and exhibition departments a large stock of cars are carried, while the parts and accessories department is fully stocked and the garage and repair rooms are under the management of skilled mechanics. Mr. Stewart is one of Poplarville's native sons, receiving his education in the common schools of the community and at Mississippi College. He entered into active business life in his home city, and has operated the Poplarville Garage Company's business for the past four years. Being a native son, he says "Poplarville is good enough for him," and takes pleasure in assisting wherever he can in furthering the interests of the community. He is a member of the Masonic bodies, secretary of the Rotary Club, and vice-president of the local Chamber of Commerce.

W. A. STEWART

R. B. JORDON

REUBEN B. JORDON, Poplarville, Miss.---Mayor of Poplarville and active worker for the upbuilding of his home community.---The advancement of a city and its surrounding community depends largely on the character of its citizenship. The true "Builders" are the men at the head of affairs, be it individual or municipal, men who have visions of the greatness to come as development takes place. This is the character of Mayor Reuben B. Jordon, the mayor of Poplarville, who is ably assisted by the progressive board of aldermen of that city. It is Mr. Jordon's ambition to make Poplarville the "City Progressive" in all that the term applies. Mr. Jordon was born in Magee's Bend, Alabama, but came to Poplarville twenty-five years ago, being at that time a young man. He received his education in the schools of the city. For two terms he has served the people of Poplarville as mayor, and has been instrumental in getting the new paving of the main streets as well as several other improvements. As a business man he is a member of the Poplarville Garage Company, handling the Ford line of cars and tractors. He is a member of the Masonic bodies and a World War veteran. Mr. Jordon is one of the youngest mayors in the state and one of the most popular.

PROF. S. J. DEDEAUX, McNeill, Miss.---For three years was superintendent of the Sellers Vocational High School, now connected with the Vocational High School at McNeill. Mr. Dedeaux through his extraordinary success as an educator has attained a high position as a superintendent of schools in the State. He is a native of Pearl River County where he received his early education, afterward graduating from A. and M. College. During his time at the Sellers school he held the position to the entire satisfaction of the patrons and built the school up to its present high position among the Smith-Hughes accredited schools of the State. The location of the Sellers School is unique on the road from Lyman to Poplarville, the new buildings and equipment that was put in during Mr. Dedeaux's administration makes the vocational department the best of its kind in the State. The school was also put on the affiliated list for four-year high schools during the second year of his superintendency. Professor Dedeaux goes on the principle that the training that the pupil receives while at school means what the man and woman will be in mature life. In fraternal circles Mr. Dedeaux is a member of the Masonic bodies and the Woodmen of the World. He is an educated gentleman and a pleasing conversationalist.

PROF. S. J. DEDEAUX

T. J. GIPSON

T. J. GIPSON, Carriere, Miss.---Director of the Vocational Department of the Carriere Vocational Agricultural High School.---A Smith-Hughes School, with a staff of ten teachers and an attendance of over three hundred pupils.---Mr. Gipson was born in Pearl River County, attending the common schools of that county, and graduated from the Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge in 1924. During his life he has taught school for twelve years and has been in vocational agricultural high school work for three years; one year in his present position. For a time he was superintendent of Henleyfield High School, a four-year affiliated High school. In his school work he has been very successful for he loves the work and has an ambition to achieve the highest standard in educational efficiency. Firmly believing that the great necessity for the coming generation is education that the youth and girl of today who will be the man and the woman of tomorrow will be perfectly fitted to carry on and build bigger and better. Mr. Gipson is progressive in character and assists those projects that are for the betterment of his home community.

phenomenal betterment in public education and highway improvement and the adoption of a higher scale of living generally would have been impossible.

Whenever lands are needed for farming or can be utilized for the production of a crop more profitable than timber, no one is more ready to have that land devoted to the chosen crop than the forester, but if no other need for forest land presents itself it is so obvious that it should be continued in timber—if timber can be produced at a profit—that its use for that purpose is not likely to be questioned. Why then, have the owners not generally devoted their cut-over lands to growing another crop of timber? The answer is easy. At the price at which virgin timber has been selling heretofore it has been cheaper to buy mature timber than to raise it. For as soon as the second growth becomes of value, timber is required to pay an annual tax till cut. Also the long period required for maturing the crop deters many. The serious hazards to which the ordinary woodland is subjected also act as an effective deterent. Forest fires, livestock, tornadoes, insects and disease—many factors enter to lessen the chance of profit. But now with State and Federal co-operation in fire protection whereby the individual puts up only about one-half of the cost of fire control; with a statewide stock law doing away with the necessity for fencing in the area to be reforested; with experts available to give free advice in control measures when insects or diseases are making inroads; and with strong likelihood of relief from taxation on immature timber the prospects today for one who wishes to grow timber are decidedly brighter.

Agricultural experts predict that increasing demand for farm products due to increase in population and perhaps increased buying power will be met by better methods of cultivation and handling of crops, and better selection of seed and fertilizers rather than by increase in the acreage of land planted. This being the case it is obvious that there will be many millions of acres in the State that will not be needed for agricultural purposes for generations to come. Timber can be grown on these lands and if, at any time, they are needed for any agricultural purpose, say dairying, the soil will be richer by reason of the annual accumulations of litter and the timber though small can usually be harvested at a profit. Timber can be cut at a comparatively early age for paper pulp—coniferous woods at the age of 15 years and up can be harvested profitably for this purpose; pine from 20 years to 30 years of age make satisfactory poles or ties for creosoting; as early as 30 years of age pine timber becomes merchantable for saw logs, etc., if relieved from burdensome taxes while growing, timber will prove a profitable crop for the farmer and the lumberman, and it seems practically certain that legislative remedies will be applied in the near future to effect this relief.

Special skill is not needed to secure satisfactory results in reforestation. By following a few simple rules, the most important of which concerns reproduction of the desired species and protection from fire the most ignorant farmer can grow a crop of timber on his waste land. Indeed, it is not uncommon to see satisfactory stands of timber on land fortuitously situated without any sort of management or protection on the part of the owner.

That the woodlands on the farm can be made one of the most profitable portions of his holdings, labor and expense considered, has not yet been generally recognized by the farmer, but it will come in time and when it does every man who is considering the purchase of land for a home will make sure that the tract contains a goodly acreage of thirfty woodland.

With the recognition that the small farmer can grow timber more economically than the big land owner will come the restoration of confidence in the minds of the people that there is no immediate danger that corporations will gobble up the forest lands to the exclusion of the small farmers. There is room and need for both the farmer and the corporation with its large holdings of forest land in the economic fabric of the State. Both must be encouraged and permitted to work out their destinies for the upbuilding of happy homes and the changing of the millions of idle acres now a liability to their owners and the State into smiling forests bringing profits to their owners and revenue to the State.

State and Constitutional Offices of Mississippi

(By EDGAR S. WILSON)

IT MAY prove of interest to publish a list of the state and county offices which are constitutional ones, and of those created by statute.

The office of governor, lieutenant-governor, secretary of state, attorney general, state treasurer, auditor of public accounts, state superintendent of education, and clerk of the supreme court, are rock-ribbed constitutional offices, and can only be abolished by constitutional amendment.

The governor holds his office—as do all the state officers—for four years, and the constitution of 1890, made the governor ineligible as his immediate successor. The constitution requires the governor shall be at least 30 years of age, and shall have been a citizen of the United States 20 years and shall have resided in this state for five years next preceding the date of his election. The lieutenant-governor shall possess the same qualifications as required of the governor. Under the constitution, the auditor of public accounts and the state treasurer are ineligible to immediately succeed themselves or each other in office.

The office of state land commissioner provided for by the constitution of 1890, may be abolished or merged with some other office by legislative enactment, as the public interest may require. The office of state revenue agent, state insurance commissioner, state commissioner of agriculture, and the three railroad commissioners and the three state prison trustees, are creatures of legislative enactment. These officers, like the constitutional ones first mentioned, are all elected by the people.

The office of adjutant general is a constitutional office, the adjutant general being appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate. The office of state librarian is a constitutional office and the librarian is elected every four years by the legislature in joint session. The state tax commission, of which there are three members, is a legislative office, the commissioners being appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate. The director of archives and history is a legislative office, the director being named by a board of trustees. The state superintend-

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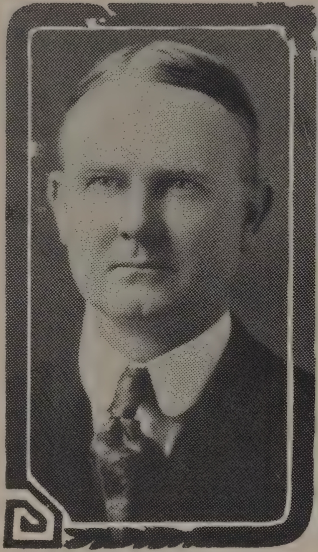
HEDERMAN BROTHERS, Jackson, Mississippi

Printers, Blank Book Manufacturers and Lithographers

ROBERT M. HEDERMAN---Manager of the large job printing plant operated by Hederman Brothers, is probably one of the best-liked men in Jackson and the Jackson territory. He was born in the small town of Hillsboro, Miss., receiving his education in the common schools of that town. Some thirty years ago he came to Jackson and soon afterwards started this printing plant in a small way but it has grown in all departments to its present high position among the business houses of Jackson. In the activities of the business, civic and social life of Jackson, Mr. Hederman, or "Bob" as his many friends call him, holds a most prominent position. He is a member of several of the Masonic bodies, a Shriner, a W. O. W., a K. of P., and the Kiwanis Club.



ROBERT M. HEDERMAN
Manager Hederman Brothers

THOMAS M. HEDERMAN
Editor The Daily Clarion-Ledger

THOMAS M. HEDERMAN---Editor of the "Clarion-Ledger," an able writer and business man, and a leading progressive citizen of Jackson, was born in Hillsboro, Scott county, Mississippi, attending the common schools of that town. He came to Jackson thirty years ago and has been connected with the "Clarion-Ledger" since that time, originally learning the printing trade on that paper, working up to manager, and when he and his brother, R. M. Hederman, bought the paper from Col. H. L. Henry, he became the editor, a position he has creditably filled. It has been an ambition with Mr. Hederman to place the "Clarion-Ledger" on the highest plane of journalism, and in this he is succeeding. He believes in a great future for Jackson and the state.

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S. B. LAWRENCE, Jackson, Miss.---Owner and operator of the Lawrence Construction Company, Contractor for the building of roads, streets and bridges, in which work he has achieved well merited fame, having done some of the largest work of this character in the South and has always completed his work according to contract and specifications. He built many of the city streets in the cities of Mississippi and the roads of the state, as well as in Louisiana, Tennessee, Missouri, Alabama and Florida. Mr. Lawrence gained his education in the common schools, the high school of Jackson, Tenn., Union University of Jackson, Tenn., and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Soon after his graduation he took up construction work and for sixteen years has followed that vocation with success. Seven years ago he located in Jackson as his permanent home becoming one of the leading citizens of the city. He is the President of the Associated General Contractors of Mississippi, an active member of the Rotary Club, a Mason, Shriner and belongs to the W. O. W. He considers Mississippi one of the best states in the Union and is willing to make his future home within its borders, giving his assistance where he can further its progress and development.

S. P. McRAE COMPANY, Jackson, Miss.---Extensive Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Clothing and Hosiery, making a Specialty of Shoes. Prominently among the old and well established houses that has helped to build Jackson's trade territory, is the S. P. McRae Company, under the efficient management of Mr. S. P. McRae, one of the city's leading merchants and progressive business men. Mr. McRae has closely indentified himself with all movements for the betterment of Jackson, he is a member of the Jackson Chamber of Commerce and a leader in its councils. His store is conveniently located in the center of the business section and is of the department character.

ROBERT LEE BROWN, Sumner, Miss.---A well known Mississippian who has achieved success in all undertakings that come to him. Mr. Brown was born in Culman, Ala., and received his education there and at Boulder, Col. When he came to choose the place for his life's work he decided on Mississippi, coming to the Mississippi Delta, locating at Sumner. For eighteen years he has been in the printing and publishing business and was editor and publisher of the Sumner "Sentinel" and the Tutwiler "Times" for eleven years. Four years ago he was elected secretary of the State Senate, and has served in that office faithfully and to the satisfaction of the members of that body in the state government. He has also been the secretary of the Mississippi Press Association, giving that organization considerable of his time, making one of the best secretaries that the Association has ever had. When it was decided to move the State Hospital from Jackson to Rankin County Mr. Brown was appointed secretary to the Board of Commissioners, and is also the secretary of the Mississippi Building Commission. In the life of Mississippi Mr. Brown has taken an active position, is a thorough believer in a great future for the state and is always willing to give his assistance towards its progressive life.

FRANK P. GATES COMPANY, Jackson, Miss.---Architects and Engineers. The members of this firm are Frank P. Gates and M. L. Gates, two gentlemen that have gained a high reputation in the building world. Since they have been operating in Jackson and in Mississippi for that matter they have designed many handsome structures which are a monument to their profession as Architects and Engineers. Their office is located at 507 Edwards Hotel Building where they can be consulted at any time. Being numbered among the progressive men of Jackson and the state they are interested in those matters that will aid in development work.

ent of the penitentiary is a legislative office, the superintendent being appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate. The office of factory inspector is a legislative one, the factory inspector being elected by the state board of health. The office of state bank examiner, of which there were three, was abolished by the legislature of 1922, effective in 1924. The new law provided that a superintendent of banks should be elected on the first Monday of January, 1924, by delegates chosen the first Monday in January, 1923, by the directors of the state's chartered banks, operating under the guaranteed system of the laws of Mississippi. The law requires that the superintendent of banks so chosen must be certified by the governor, who will issue a commission to him, countersigned by the secretary of state for a term of four years.

Of course the office of supreme court judge, the term being eight years, is a constitutional one and the six members of that court cannot be reduced or increased except by constitutional amendment.

There are 10 chancellors, 17 circuit judges, and 17 district attorneys. These are constitutional offices, with a term each of four years.

The state board of health and numerous boards, bureaus, and commissions, are of legislative creation, and dependent upon statutes for their retention and sustenance. The superintendents of the eleemosynary institutions are appointed by the governor, as a rule, and confirmed by the senate, and the trustees of such institutions are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate. The heads of various educational institutions are chosen by trustees appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate.

County offices of the eighty-two counties of Mississippi are all constitutional offices except that of county attorney, the same being of legislative creation during the Noel administration, and that of county judge, created during the Whitfield administration. The county officers are sheriff, chancery clerk, circuit clerk, assessor, superintendent of education, county surveyor, coroner and ranger, and supervisors, one for each of five beats in the county, and justices of the peace and constables for the five beats of the county. Under the constitution of 1890, the county treasurer was continued as a constitutional office from the old constitution, with a provision that the sheriff and county treasurer were ineligible to immediately succeed themselves or each other in office. By a constitutional amendment some years ago, the office of county treasurer was abolished, but the inhibition against the sheriff succeeding himself still remains a part of the constitution.

It may prove interesting to publish the list of the counties in Mississippi, together with the county sites of the same. A number of the counties of Mississippi have dual county sites. Where such dual county sites exist, deputies of county officers are maintained at one of the county sites while the chief officers remain at the other, the deputies being authorized to do everything officially that may be done by their chiefs. Circuit and chancery courts are held at both the county sites.

It has been suggested that all the school children of Mississippi might be benefited by memorizing the names of the counties and the county sites and thoroughly studying the map of Mississippi, so as to be able not only to give the counties and county sites offhand, but bound any county in the State. I have heard old people say that when they went to school it was the rule to have the pupils give the capitals of the States of the Union and bound the States.

It will be observed that the counties having dual county sites are Bolivar, Carroll, Chickasaw, Coahoma, Hinds, Jasper, Jones, Panola, Tallahatchie, and Yalobusha. Following are the county sites:

Adams, Natchez; Alcorn, Corinth; Amite, Liberty; Attala, Kosciusko; Benton, Ashland; Bolivar, First District, Rosedale; Second District, Cleveland; Calhoun, Pittsboro; Carroll, First District, Carrollton; Second District, Vaiden; Chickasaw, First District, Houston; Second District, Okolona; Choctaw, Chester and Ackerman; Claiborne, Port Gibson; Clarke, Quitman; Clay, West Point; Coahoma, First District, Friars Point; Second District, Clarksdale; Copiah, Hazlehurst; Covington, Collins; DeSoto, Hernando; Forrest, Hattiesburg; Franklin, Meadville; George, Lucedale; Greene, Leakesville; Grenada, Grenada; Hancock, Bay St. Louis; Harrison, Gulfport; Hinds, First District, Jackson; Second District, Raymond; Holmes, Lexington; Humphreys, Belzoni; Issaquena, Mayersville; Itawamba, Fulton; Jackson, Pascagoula; Jasper, First District, Bay Springs; Second District, Paulding; Jefferson, Fayette; Jefferson Davis, Prentiss; Jones, First District, Ellisville; Second District, Laurel; Kemper, DeKalb; Lafayette, Oxford; Lamar, Purvis; Lauderdale, Meridian; Lawrence, Monticello; Leake, Carthage; Lee, Tupelo; Leflore, Greenwood; Lincoln, Brookhaven; Lowndes, Columbus; Madison, Canton; Marion, Columbia; Marshall, Holly Springs; Monroe, Aberdeen; Montgomery, Winona; Neshoba, Philadelphia; Newton, Decatur; Noxubee, Macon; Oktibbeha, Starkville; Panola, First District, Sardis; Second District, Batesville; Pearl River, Poplarville; Perry, New Augusta; Pike, Magnolia; Pontotoc, Pontotoc; Prentiss, Booneville; Quitman, Marks; Rankin, Brandon; Scott, Forrest; Sharkey, Rolling Fork; Simpson, Mendenhall; Smith, Raleigh; Stone, Wiggins; Sunflower, Indianola; Tallahatchie, First District, Charleston; Second District, Sumner; Tate, Senatobia; Tippah, Ripley; Tishomingo, Iuka; Tunica, Tunica; Union, New Albany; Walthall, Tylertown; Warren, Vicksburg; Washington, Greenville; Wayne, Waynesboro; Webster, Walthall; Wilkinson, Woodville; Winston, Louisville; Yalobusha, First District, Coffeeville; Second District, Water Valley; Yazoo, Yazoo City.

Crop Yield in Mississippi Increases

IN FIVE leading crops, cotton, corn, wheat, oats and soy-beans, the increase in value in 1927 was $4,090,000. This increase was on demonstration projects only, there being 88,000 acres of cotton planted on demonstration farms. The acreage devoted to corn was 6,666, oats 2,433 acres. Soy-beans seemed to have been a favorite crop for conducting demonstrations during the year as 24,445 acres were reported, the crop was valued at $718,883 on the basis of $2.50 per bushel. Soy-beans were also planted for hay demonstration purposes. Reports how that 28,158 acres were in demonstration with an increased yield of 1.11 tons per acre, or a total of 31,225.38 tons valued at $625,107.60.

These demonstrations were conducted by extension workers to show advantages of good quality of seed, proper methods of planting, cultivation, fertilization, harvesting, etc. Information obtained from experiment stations was used in making recommendations as to conducting these experiments and demonstrations. The report which shows the value of increased yields to the amount of $4,000,000 does not include the work of fifteen negro agents, nor the money value of extension work to agriculture in the state as a whole, but yields as the result of the use of the best known methods for seeding, planting, cultivating, and marketing. This report did not take into consideration all the other crops in which demonstrations were conducted, nor the value of livestock demonstrations.

W. T. REESE

THE ROYAL HOTEL, Jackson, Miss.---For years this hotel has maintained its popularity among the leading houses of this character in the city and the state for that matter. It has met, at all times the requirements of the guests that patronize it. There are eighty well furnished and clean sleeping rooms, a spacious lobby and all those things that count to make the hotel home-like, this combined with the best of service makes one feel that it is a good place to stop while visiting the Capital City. The cafe and restaurant in connection is all that can be desired, where the best that the markets afford make up the menu. Messrs. Reese and Dampeer, the genial and courteous proprietors are always on the job giving their personal attention to all matters that the guests of the hotel may have every want satisfied.

MARION DAMPEER

W. T. REESE, Jackson, Miss.---In partnership with Mr. Marion Dampeer, owner of the Hotel Royal, and manager of the hotel. Mr. Reese was born in Centerville, Miss., and educated in the High School of that town. Since 1912 he has been a resident of Jackson the most of the time, with the exception of three years in the hotel business in Birmingham, Ala., one year in the same business in New Orleans, one year in Huntsville, Ala., and two years at Atlanta. He has spent twelve years of his life in the hotel business and is a successful landlord, well understanding the wants of the traveler and it is his ambition to make each and everyone feel at home while a guest of the "Royal" where the motto is "We Treat You Royally." He is a good Mississippian and is always saying a good word for his native state.

MARION DAMPEER, Jackson, Miss.---Senior member of the firm of Marion Dampeer and W. T. Reese, proprietors of the Hotel Royal, one of Jackson's leading hotels. Mr. Dampeer was born in Crystal Springs, Miss., receiving his education in the schools of his native town, and at Marion Institute at Marion, Ala. After finishing his school work he entered the banking business and was with the Crystal Springs Bank for fourteen years, ten years of which he was the cashier. One year ago he entered into partnership with W. T. Reese and became one of the proprietors of the "Royal." He gives his personal attention to the conducting of this business and has been of great assistance in placing the hoted on the high plan of "Service" it enjoys among the members of the traveling public, making the guest feel that "Here is a Home." Mr. Dampeer is a most likable young man and has made many warm friends since going into this business.

M. P. L. BERRY

M. P. L. BERRY, Clinton, Miss.---The Colleges and other educational institutions have placed the State of Mississippi on the highest plane for rapid advancement in education in the Union of States. In this instance we wish to make special mention of the work of Hillman College with Prof. M. P. Lowrey Berry as its president and executive officer. Prof. Berry is a native Mississippian. He began his education in Blue Mountain College, where his family has been at the helm for over half a century. He is a graduate of Mississippi College. Nineteen years ago Prof. Berry began his work at Hillman and through his efforts as head of the institution has done much to get the college recognized and accredited. Hillman College was established 75 years ago and many prominent women of this and surrounding states have been students in this institution. In the life of Clinton, Prof. Berry has taken an advanced position in those matters that are for the betterment of the town. He is a member of the Masonic bodies, Treasurer of his church, Vice-president of the Men's Bible Class, President of the State Board of Ministerial Education, President of the Faculty Club of Hillman and Mississippi Colleges, and director in the Bank of Clinton.

R. E. L. SUTHERLAND, Raymond, Miss.---President of Hinds Junior College. The ideal life is the accomplishment of the purpose that one firmly believes in, for this reason the life's work of R. E. L. Sutherland has been successful and ideal. Mr. Sutherland is a native of Mississippi, receiving his early education in the schools of Prentiss County, Miss., Jacinto Academy, of Jacinto, Miss., finishing his education at Peabody College. For twenty years he has been in educational work and for ten years has been at the head of the Hinds County Agricultural High School, now known as the Hinds County Junior College, located at Raymond, Miss., one of the leading educational institutions of the State. In his life's work Mr. Sutherland has taken an active part in public affairs. He has served as Superintendent of Education of Prentiss County and represented that county in the State House of Representatives. In his work in these offices he gave the same careful attention that has characterized his activities no matter what he was doing. In fraternal circles he is a Mason, Shriner, W. O. W. and K. of P. In his work as president of this college he has succeeded in placing the school in its present high position.

R. E. L. SUTHERLAND

HARRIS F. WALLACE

HARRIS F. WALLACE, Raymond, Miss.---Director of the Raymond Branch Experiment Station. In the advancement and upbuilding of the agricultural interests of the state it was found, several years ago, that there was a necessity of practical demonstration of the different products that the lands of Mississippi would raise. For this reason there were several men that prepared themselves for this class of work. One of the leaders of which was Mr. Harris F. Wallace, who for the past eight years has been actively engaged in the demonstration work that has been of great benefit to the state. For two years he was engaged in inspecting commercial fertilizer with the State Department of Agriculture, and five and one-half years he was the assistant at the Holly Springs Branch Experiment Station, and during the World's War he was in the navy for one year. Two and one-half years ago he was appointed as Director of the Raymond Branch Experiment Station, where he has done a great work in demonstrating how and where to plant crops to get the best results. This station is well worth visiting. Mr. Wallace is a Scottish Rite and York Mason and a member of the Shrine.

Department of Secretary of State and Its Duties

(By WALKER WOOD, Secretary of State)

WALKER WOOD

THE office of Secretary of State of Mississippi is a constitutional office, that is, it is one of the very few state offices or departments provided for in the State constitutions, adopted by the various constitutional conventions since the State was admitted to the Union in the year 1817. Since Mississippi became a State, numerous other offices or departments have been created by statute. However, the constitutional conventions of 1817, 1832, 1851, 1861, 1865, 1868 and 1890, all provided for the office of secretary of State. Section 133 of the last named constitution, that of 1890, reads as follows:

"There shall be a secretary of state, who shall be elected as herein provided. He shall be at least twenty-five years of age, a citizen of the State five years next preceding the day of his election, and he shall continue in office during the term of four years, and shall be keeper of the capitol; he shall keep a correct register of all official acts and proceedings of the governor; and shall, when required, lay the same and all papers, minutes and vouchers relative thereto, before the legislature, and he shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by law. He shall receive such compensation as shall be prescribed."

Thus, it is seen that the framers of Mississippi constitutions throughout the history of the Magnolia State, considered the department of secretary of state one of the most important, and various and sundry duties have been added to this department by statute, from time to time, until today in point of service and importance to the commonwealth, it ranks second only to that of the office of governor.

In addition to the above duties, prescribed by the State constitution, the secretary of state is required by statute to receive, take charge of and safely keep all returns of elections by the people, deliver the returns of election of state officers to the speaker of the house of representatives at the next ensuing term of the legislature, and lay all documents and records before either branch of the legislature, when required; he shall receive from the clerk of the house of representatives and the secretary of the senate the journals, proceedings and papers of both houses, and shall carefully keep and preserve the enrolled acts and resolutions of the legislature, together with maps, charts, etc.

As provided by the constitution, he is the custodian of the capitol (and in the case of Mississippi, the capitols), and the capitol grounds; he is a member of the capitol commission, which body was created by the legislature of 1904. He is the custodian of the keys of the capitols, and with the approval of the governor, employs all necessary help to care for the capitol and capitol grounds.

In the department of secretary of state, all commissions are prepared, and record kept of same, and when properly signed and attested, that office forwards them to the proper appointee or elect. The secretary of state attests the signature of the governor, and affixes the great seal of the State of Mississippi, of which he is also custodian.

All applications for charters of incorporation are made through the office of secretary of state, and when the charter fees are receipted for the application is forwarded to the offices of the attorney general and governor for their respective approval. The charter is then returned to the secretary of state, in whose office it is recorded and forwarded to the original applicants or incorporators. He also receives, receipts for and files for record charters of incorporation from other States, of corporations desiring to qualify for business in Mississippi.

In addition to keeping carefully the records pertaining to his office and that of the governor, the secretary of state is charged with the distribution of election supplies, of the house and senate journals, and other documents, together with the session laws of the legislature.

Hence, as indicated above, the office of secretary of state is one of responsibility and honor. In addition to various duties outlined, when the office of governor, lieutenant-governor, president pro-tem of the senate, and speaker of the house becomes vacant by death, resignation or otherwise, the secretary of state convenes the senate to elect a president pro-tem, who shall become governor.

The secretary of state is a member of the state board of election commissioners, a member of the state board of public contracts, and a member of the state board of education. Serving as secretary of the state board of public contracts, he contracts for and purchases all supplies for the capitol, including the state printing, engraving, etc.

In the one hundred and ten years of Mississippi's statehood, the commonwealth has had thirty different citizens who served as secretary of state. The first official in this office, from 1817 to 1821, was Daniel Williams, while the present secretary of state, appointed in 1926 by the late Governor Whitfield, and elected in 1927 without opposition, is Walker Wood of Montgomery county.

Ten Commandments on Dairying

OUR good friend Kenneth Wishart, of Aberdeen, recently sent us a card on which he has printed Ten Commandments that he adheres to all the time, for he is a fighter for the advancement of that part of the state. These Commandments are good for any good Missisippian to follow. Read them:

1. I believe in the Cow.
2. I believe in the State.
3. I believe the State is better adapted to the Cow.
4. I believe the Cow will make Mississippi more prosperous.
5. I believe Cow prosperity will eliminate a lot of crime and poverty.
6. I believe in Milk.
7. I believe that Milk is the healthiest of all human foods.
8. I believe that the Doctors will all agree with me.
9. I believe the dairy section of Northeastern Mississippi will be the most prosperous section of the South.
10. I believe more Rotarians, Bankers and Business Men should talk more (Cow and Bullology).

WALKER WOOD

WALKER WOOD, Jackson, Miss.---Secretary of State, and a leading public man and progressive citizen of the State. Mr. Wood is a native born Mississippian, his birth place being Vicksburg. His parents moved to Oxford when he was a small child. He was educated in the public schools there. When he was 16 years old he took charge of the Oxford Eagle, then owned by his aunt, Mrs. Eliza Thompson, and at that time the only woman in the State editing a newspaper. This was the beginning of Mr. Wood's constructive newspaper career. For twenty years he has been in the publishing business, editing and publishing the Winona Times, one of the leading newspapers of north central Mississippi, and one that has circulation throughout the state in particular and the Country in general. His plant is fitted with the latest models of typesetting machinery and presses, as well as the most popular faces of type. Thus, the Times office is well equipped for doing all kinds of printing, from the smallest job to the largest. In 1907, Mr. Wood was elected to the State legislature, serving in that body during the sessions of 1908 and 1910. He was the first man in Mississippi to take up the question of consolidated schools and make the first speech on that subject. A great deal of the credit for the high school system of the State must be given to Mr. Wood. On April 7, 1926, Mr. Wood was appointed Secretary of State by Governor Whitfield, at the death of Joe Powers, then serving in that office. In the Democratic primary election in 1927 he was nominated without opposition to the office of Secretary of State for four years. Mr. Wood has always taken an active interest in all church work throughout the state and is a member of the Methodist church. In the social life of Jackson and Winona, he has many friends and is an active member of the Masonic Order, W. O. W., Elks and the Exchange Club.

LOUIS J. FOLSE, Jackson, Miss---Manager of the Mississippi State Development Board, and a progressive citizen working for the upbuilding of the State. Mr. Folse was born in Louisiana and was educated in the common schools of the state and the University of Louisiana, at Baton Rouge; Bay St. Louis and University of Kentucky, at Bowling Green. For several years he was in railroad work but gave up that vocation to take up industrial work for which he is well fitted by education and experience. Five years ago he came to Mississippi to take the Management of the Mississippi Development Board, and when that organization was consolidated with the State Chamber of Commerce and named the Mississippi State Development Board he was retained in his present position, and has built up this organization until it is a power in the advancement of the interests of the state. It has, through Mr. Folse, fathered many projects that has worked for good; to enumerate these projects would take more space than we are allowed, but what has been accomplished speaks for itself. For three years Mr. Folse was located at Hattiesburg, coming to Jackson two years ago. He takes an active part in the social and industrial life of the city, as his home town, but his great work is state wide and in this he is most successful. He is a member of the Elks and the Mississippi Travelers Association and takes an active part in the deliberation of the organizations. Since coming to Mississippi Mr. Folse has made many warm personal friends and has attained a large acquaintance throughout the state.

L. J. FOLSE

K. M'L. BROOM

KNOX McLEOD BROOM, Jackson, Miss.---At the head of the education department of Mississippi there are several educators who have achieved distinction in their special work and are educated gentlemen as well as able executives. In the office of the State Superintendent we wish to make special mention of Prof. Knox McLeod Broom, Assistant State Superintendent of Education. Prof Broom received his education in the common schools of Jackson County, Miss., the High School of Wiggins, Miss., Millsaps College, of Jackson and the State Teachers College of Hattiesburg, Miss., taking his B. A. degree at Millsaps College. After graduating he decided to follow teaching as his vocation in life and for twelve years has followed educational work. Two years ago he was appointed to his present office in which he has done efficient work, as by education and executive ability he is well qualified to fill this important office. On leave of absence attending the University of Chicago as a General Education Board Fellowship student where he will take his M. A. degree in June 1928. In the life of Jackson he takes a prominent part and is a member of the Masonic Bodies, active in the work of the Exchange Club and a prominent member of the American Legion, having served in the World's War 21 months, over sea 12 months. Through his courteous and obliging ways he has made many warm personal friends.

ROBERT H. SMITH, Jackson, Miss.---Supervisor Ordinary Department American National Insurance Company, of Galveston, Tex., office 402 and 404 Edwards Hotel Building. Mr. Smith was born and reared in Livingston, Sumpter County, Ala., being the son of the late Hon. Walter Keirn Smith, of that town, and the nephew of Addison G. Smith, vice-president and General Counsel of the Southern Railroad. On August 3, 1910 he was married to Miss Enid Ashley, of Lexington, Miss., and have one child, Miss Barbara Smith. Mr. Smith received his education at the Livingston Male Academy in his home town. He has been in the life insurance business for seventeen years, having held executive positions with three of the largest life insurance companies in the south. In August 1922 he moved to Mississippi and in July 1925 he became Mississippi Manager of the Ordinary Department of the company he now represents. He is active in the social, civic and fraternal life of the city, is a member of the Presbyterian Church and a member of K. of P. lodge. Mr. Smith is a member of the Military Staff of Governor Bilbo, taking the rank as Colonel, having been commissioned when Governor Bilbo took office January 17th. Mr. Smith is well known throughout the state and has built up for himself an enviable friendship with the people.

R. H. SMITH

J. P. RICKS

J. P. RICKS, Jackson, Miss.---Prominent among those business men of Jackson who have achieved success in their special line of work is the subject of this short sketch, Mr. J. P. Ricks, owner and general manager of the Ricks Storage and Distrubuting Company, doing a general business of this character, operating a general warehouse business, conveniently located to railroad transportation, having 70,000 square feet of sprinkled floor space for storage of merchandise and household goods, largest warehouse for this purpose in the state. He also stores and distributes merchandise for many foreign corporations. Mr. Ricks has been a resident of Jackson for the past fifteen years and has been in this business for seven of them. He was educated in the common schools and at the University of Mississippi. In the life of Jackson he takes a prominent position and active in the deliberations of the Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Elks, Rotary Club and President of the Jackson Country Club.

Dairying Progress in Mississippi

(Speech of HON. JOHN E. RANKIN, in House of Representatives)

THE following extracts from the speech of Hon. John E. Rankin, made January 6, 1928, in the house of representatives, in which body he represents the northeast part of Mississippi, tells the story as the facts are in that part of the state:

"Mr. Chairman, it has been a pleasure to me to listen to the speech of the distinguished gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. Simmons) on the dairying industry in that great state. His remarks have prompted me, without preparation or access to statistics, to call attention to one of the most marvelous dairying developments, for the length of time, that has occurred in the history of this Republic, and that is the development now taking place in the lime belt district of northeastern Mississippi which I have the honor to represent.

"Our experience there abundantly sustains the contention that the South ought to, and no doubt will, become the greatest dairying country in the world.

"Lindbergh's flight to Paris or his good-will expedition to Central America has not been more revolutionary in execution or effect than the invasion of that section of Mississippi by the great milk-condensing companies and cheese plants within the last three years. They have aroused our people to a realization of the possibilities of an industry that is changing the one-crop system, putting the farmer on a monthly pay roll, doubling his yearly income, furnishing a ready and convenient market for his products, reducing his fertilizer bill, enriching his land, and inspiring him with hope for and confidence in a lasting, permanent prosperity surpassing anything the South has yet seen.

"Three years ago the large milk condenseries of the North began to look for new fields where an abundant milk supply could be obtained the year round. They sent their representatives to northeastern Mississippi, into that lime-belt area that was known throughout the country during Civil War days as the "granary of the Confederacy." They found what Henry Grady once described as a gentle climate above a fertile soil that yields to the husbandman every product of the temperate zone.

"In addition to fields of cotton, well cultivated, producing from 10,000 to 35,000 bales to the county—every bale of which contains 1,000 pounds of cottonseed, which furnishes the richest and cheapest cow feed in the world—they found vast fields of corn, which gave that section its designation during the Civil War and brought it a baptism of blood and fire in the Federals' attempt to destroy that great source of Confederate supplies.

"Fields of alfalfa, as fine as was ever grown in the irrigated districts of California or on the plains of Nebraska, rolling prairies furnishing an unlimited supply of the finest hay and grazing lands for herds of dairy cattle, which to their surprise our people already possessed—were astonishing revelations to those men who were seeking new localities in which to expand their crowded industries. Coupled with all this, they noted a grazing season of eight or nine months in the year, wonderful pastures, containing every variety of grass known to the cattle industry—pastures that are green when the ground in Nebraska, Minnesota, and Wisconsin is frozen as hard as a rock or covered with a sheet of snow, and the farmers in those states are feeding their cows cottonseed meal produced in Mississippi—and an ample supply of moisture that it does not require an act of congress or an appropriation from the federal treasury to supply, but comes as the gift of God in the form of an abundant rainfall equitably distributed throughout the year; and great herds of the finest dairy cows to be found on this continent, more free from cattle tuberculosis, according to government reports, than the cattle of any other section of the United States. They found practically every community threaded with hard surfaced highways, affording ample facilities for transportation.

"The only thing lacking was a market. The rapidly expanding creameries could not keep pace with the increase in milk production, and were therefore unable to furnish a ready market for all of the milk supplied. The condenseries and cheese plants have supplied that market, and are bringing it to the very door of every farmer in the territory.

"First, the Borden people went to Oktibbeha county and established their plant at Starkville with the understanding that they would receive 40,000 pounds of milk a day. In less than eighteen months, they were receiving 160,000 pounds a day, and had increased the capacity of their plant three times, while at the same time the creamery at that place became more prosperous than it had ever been before. They have now gone over to Macon in the adjoining county of Noxubee, one of the most fertile prairie counties in the South, and are there constructing another large plant with every assurance that the result will be as satisfactory as the first.

"The Carnation people then came to Tupelo, in Lee county, where they found equally as favorable conditions prevailing. And, in addition, they found that 93 per cent of the farmers of that county were white people, that 95 per cent of the people of the county lived on hard-surfaced roads leading to Tupelo, the county seat, and connecting there with two transcontinental highways that cross in that city. They found that while people in other sections of the country were clamoring for reclamation legislation, those people had reclaimed their own land. Thirty-four drainage districts had already been organized, the bonds sold, the canals cut, the land put in cultivation, and the bonds now being retired. A splendid school system, with 22 consolidated schools in the county, nearly all with splendid brick buildings, with trucks transporting the children to and from school, amply supplied with able instructors, afforded educational facilities second to none.

"The Carnation plant at Tupelo had its formal opening on May 12 last year, with the expressed hope of securing 60,000 pounds of milk a day at the end of the first year, and passed that mark within less than 90 days.

"The people of Monroe county raised the money themselves and built their own condensary at Aberdeen, where they now have a plant that is furnishing a market to the farmers of that county equal to that enjoyed by the people of Oktibbeha and Lee. They have done this in the face of the fact that Monroe county was going through the excitement of bringing in the first commercially producing gas wells south of the Mason and Dixon line and east of the Mississippi river.

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F. J. UNDERWOOD

DR. FELIX J. UNDERWOOD, Jackson, Miss.---State Health Officer, under whose direction the health of Mississippi people are the best that exists in any other state of the Union of States. For this happy condition of affairs Dr. Underwood must be given great credit for he has worked faithfully and well to make the department over which he has excutive management one of the very best in the State Government. Dr. Underwood is a native Mississippian, born in Monroe County. Graduating in medicine from the University of Tennessee, and was in general practice from 1905 until 1917, when he gave up general practice to become full-time Health Officer of Monroe County, serving until 1921. In that year he accepted the position as Director of the Bureau of Child Hygiene and Public Health Nursing of the State Board of Health. Organized and conducted this Bureau until elected State Health Officer in June 1924. Served as member of the Council for the Mississippi State Medical Association for ten years and as Chairman of the Council for eight years. Was president of the State Medical Association for the year 1919. Has been Councilor for the State of Mississippi to the Southern Medical Association for the past eight years. In November of the past year he was elected Chairman of the National Malaria Committee at the Memphis meeting of the Southern Medical Association, succeeding Dr. Victor G. Heiser of the Rockefeller Foundation, New York. He is an elder in the Presbyterian Church, a Shriner and a member of the Elks, K. of P. and W. O. W.

JOHN TOELKE, Jr., Jackson, Miss.---Secretary and Treasurer of the Mississippi State Board of Development and one of Mississippi's hustling young business men. Mr. Toelke was born in New Orleans, where he received his education attending the public schools and graduated from the law department of Loyola University. By profession he is an Attorney at Law, but has not practiced his profession for the last five years, during the time that he has been a resident of Mississippi, coming here to take the position he now holds as Secretary and Treasurer of the Mississippi State Board of Development. Mr. Toelke is a young man with a high degree of ambition to assist in the upbuilding of Mississippi, the state of his adoption, and is in a position to do a great work along these lines. He thoroughly understands the needs of the state and gives his assistance to all measures that will advance its progress. In the fraternal life of Jackson he is an active member of the Masonic bodies. During the World War he enlisted in the Marine Corps in July 1917 and served three years. The writer has known Mr. Toelke for the past two years which is all the more a pleasure to write of him and his possibilities of high achievement. He has a fine personality and consequently has many friends in all walks of life.

JOHN TOELKE, JR.

CLIFFORD WATERHOUSE

CLIFFORD WATERHOUSE, Jackson, Miss.---In the business life of Mississippi, there are many who have achieved success in their special undertakings. Who through their business life have been and are large builders of the state, helping to place it high among the states of the Union. One of these that the writer has known for the past eight years, is the subject of this short editorial mention. Mr. Clifford Waterhouse, jobber of road building machinery with large warehouses conveniently located near the railroads so that quick service and shipment can be made. Mr. Waterhouse received his education in the common schools of the state and at Georgia Teck. He has been in this business for several years and for himself for the past ten years, as Mr. Waterhouse says "Grew up in it." There are few men in the state that have a larger acquaintance than "Cliff," as his friends call him, and at the same time there are few that are more universally liked for his pleasant disposition and courtesy shown all. As a citizen of Jackson he has attained a high position in its civic and business life. He is a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Shriners, and a son of the American Revolution.

ROBERT SHARKEY WITHERS, Jackson, Miss---Practical Geologist, Dealer in Real Estate, Oil Royalties, Oil Leases, Notary Public. In geological circles of Mississippi there is not a better known man than the subject of this short editorial mention, Mr. Robert Sharkey Withers, for the past twenty years he has studied and made geological surveys of the state, and has gathered a great collection of the different kinds of clay and minerals that the state possesses. He is a firm believer that in the near future Mississippi will come into its own as an oil producing field. Mr. Withers is a native of Jackson and was educated in private schools of that city and Transivana University of Lexington, Ky. For several years the writer has known Mr. Withers and believes in him as a man who is honest in his opinions and faithful in his work, through which he has done much good assisting to build a bigger and better state, in which he has that faith that every good citizen should have. He believes in Jackson and its surrounding territory where he is well known and is often consulted in his work as a geologist. Mr. Withers is an able writer and often contributes articles that are worth reading to leading papers and periodicals.

R. S. WITHERS

ROY L. HOGUE

ROY L. HOGUE, Jackson, Miss.---State Forester. There is no one interest in Mississippi at the present time that is attracting more thought than that of reforestation. At the last session of he legislature two years ago the office of "State Forester" was created, and when the law went into effect Roy L. Hogue was appointed "Forester," and no better man for this position could have been found for the position as he has had twenty-five years experience as a timberman and has fully demonstrated his worth since he was appointed about a year ago. He has lived in the state for 25 years, coming here from Michigan, his native state where he was educated in Benton Harbor College, Michigan State Normal College and the University of Michigan. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, of Jackson, and the Lumbermen's Club.

"At Columbus, in Lowndes county, preparations are going rapidly forward for the construction of a large cheese plant, another one is under construction at Billups, and another one is to be constructed at Artesia—all in the same county. The distinguished chairman of this committee (Mr. Shreve) once resided in Lowndes county, and he will bear witness that richer prairie lands—or lands better suited to dairying—are not to be found in the United States.

"The Pet people have placed one of their condensaries at Kosciusko, and cheese plants have been established at Louisville, Houston, Durant, Yazoo City, and other points throughout Mississippi. Negotiations are under way for plants at Corinth, Amory, Iuka, Belmonth, Booneville, Okolona, and many other points in the state, while several large condensaries have been located just north of us in the state of Tennessee.

"This is but the beginning of the inevitable movement of the great dairying industry to the South, where conditions are most favorable for its development and permanent prosperity.

"At the rate we are going, it will be only a matter of a short time till practically every farmer in northeastern Mississippi will be on a milk route, thus bringing the market right to his door and putting him on a monthly payroll. Add that to his cotton crop, as well as his feed crops of corn, hay, and cottonseed, and you will understand why it is that northeastern Mississippi is attracting nation-wide attention and bidding fair to become one of the greatest dairying sections of the world." (Applause.)

Story of Mississippi A. and M. College

(By BEN HILBUN)

BACK in 1880, two years after the state legislature had voted the establishment of an agricultural and mechanical college, the institution opened its doors for the reception of students. The first president was General Stephen Dill Lee, and the first student body was composed of 350 young men.

With modest equipment this new institution of learning launched out upon a career of service that commands the admiration of all familiar with its influence upon the agricultural and industrial life of the state. At first its effort to impress the public with the importance of scientific agriculture was fruitless but after a few years of persistence encouraging conditions were obtained.

During its existence, the Mississippi A. and M. College has turned out leaders in engineering, science, and agriculture. More than 25,000 young men have received training at the institution, and many of them today are recognized as authorities on engineering, science, and agriculture.

The college has three main divisions: academic, experimental and extension.

The academic division includes resident instruction in regular collegiate classes, graduate courses, summer schools, and other forms of teaching and practical work, provided in class room and laboratory, on the campus and on the college farm.

This division embraces full courses in agriculture, engineering and science. Students studying engineering may specialize in civil, electrical, or mechanical.

Agricultural students have the privilege of specialties in general agriculture, horticulture, agronomy, dairying, animal husbandry, agricultural engineering, and agricultural commerce. The school of science likewise gives opportunity for specialization, the work of this and other departments being recognized by leading colleges and universities of the United States.

The state experiment station is a most important division of work which the college fosters and for which it is responsible. Its field of usefulness lies in the accumulation of agricultural knowledge through systematic experimentation and investigation. The results obtained year after year constitute the only safe foundation for agricultural progress.

In addition to the central station located at the college, branch stations are located in the different soil sections of the state, they being at Holly Springs, Stoneville, Raymond, and Poplarville, with men especially trained for that specific work in charge.

Co-operative agricultural extension work though the newest, is one of the most important branches of the college activities. Its function is to take to the farmer the results of research in soil fertility, crop production, livestock growing, farm management, and to demonstrate the value of each phase of work undertaken. This work, carried on by men and women agents in practically every county of the state, is perhaps doing more than any other single thing to bring about better conditions in rural districts. Its influence is not confined to adults but extends to the boys and girls of the state, more than 20,000 of whom are trained each year in 4-H Club work, which after all, is foundation work for a better agriculture and a happier home life.

Personal services rendered to the citizens of the state form a conspicuous part of the college work. Last year, the department of chemistry made 7,000 separate analyses, the department of bacteriology 5,800; the department of veterinary medicine treated in free clinic some 200 animals and made 4,000 laboratory tests; the department of agricultural engineering sent out 8,500 blueprints for farm buildings; the department of poultry husbandry 585 blueprints for chicken houses; the department of entomology made 30,000 determinations and classifications of insects; the department of botany performed several hundred similar tasks; the department of dairy husbandry made 3,000 tests; and the department of agronomy and horticulture rendered similar services in like proportion. The total number of these services for the year reached the most interesting figures of 55,000.

The personal letters seeking advice which were answered by the college departments, not including the field workers of the extension force or the experiment stations, were more than 50,000. The service bureau mailed out 229,700 publications of all kinds, including bulletins, circulars, charts, and articles of information, and then no mention has yet been made of the 10,000 club boys, nor the 11,000 club girls nor the 6,000 clubwomen enrolled by the field agents nor the many thousands of people these agents have met in meetings and conferences during the year.

While statistics form no adequate measure of the full service of men or institutions, still they indicate that the college is striving to keep in close touch with the masses of the people, and is rendering a line of service that is most valuable to the farmers of this state.

WALTER M. LAMPTON

HON. WALTER M. LAMPTON, Magnolia, Miss.---In the life of Southwest Mississippi there is not a better known family than the "Lamptons," of which the subject of this short sketch is the head. Walter M. Lampton was born in Tylertown, August 12, 1850, where he spent his boyhood days as other boys do. He was educated at Osyka, but for all this Mr. Lampton worked. As a young man he was a clerk in a store at Summit, and received the sum of $8.00 a month. Here he gained knowledge of the mercantile business and soon we see him as a young merchant at Tylertown, October 15, 1869. After a time he entered business relations with other men at Magnolia, but this did not suit Mr. Lampton, so he soon, in partnership with his brothers, started the great chain of stores now operated by the Lampton interests located at Magnolia, Tylertown, Columbia, Mt. Olive, Kentwood and several other places. As builders of their home communities the Lamptons have done their share. Mr. Walter Lampton makes his home at Biloxi near the Old Soldiers' Home, at Beauvoir, where he is near the old soldiers whom he loves so well that he sees to it that they do not want for anything that he can supply. He also spends considerable of his time at Magnolia where his largest interests are and is the president of the Magnolia Bank, an institution that he has presided over for the past 33 years, and is still active in its management. Although he is a millionaire he is most democratic in his ways, a fine conversationalist and a gentleman with whom it is a pleasure to meet. People love Mr. Lampton for his lovable ways.

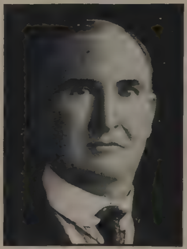
VAN H. WEATHERSBY, Magnolia, Miss.---Among those young business men of Pike county deserving of mention in this book and one that has given his time and energy toward the advancement of his home section, there is none that deserve a higher place than the subject of this short editorial mention, Mr. Van H. Weathersby, operating the local Ford dealership, which he has successfully managed for the past six years. Mr. Weathersby was born in Liberty, Amite county and attended the schools there. Afterward he attended the Magnolia High School, and has lived in Magnolia for the past fourteen years. He has at all times been active in the civic life of the city; has served as president of the local Chamber of Commerce, and is a builder that makes his work count in the welfare activities that go to make Magnolia and Pike county a bigger and better place to live in, if that were possible. In fraternal circles he is a 32d degree Mason and Shriner.

VAN H. WEATHERSBY

C. A. BUTTERWORTH

CHARLES A. BUTTERWORTH, McComb, Miss.---Superintendent and Local Manager of the McComb Cotton Mills. Prominent among the business men of McComb that are outstanding in the development and advancement of that busy and hustling city, is Mr. Charles A. Butterworth; who has for the past five years held the position of local manager of the McComb Cotton Mills, one of the leading industries of the city. Mr. Butterworth is a native of Rochdale, Lancashire, England, but came to the United States when a small boy and located in Mass., where he received his early education and at Bedford Textile School and the Lowell Textile School of Lowell, Mass. He has been actively engaged in the textile business since 1909, five years of which time he has been located at McComb, becoming closely indentified with the onward march of progress in that city. He is the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Boy Scouts organization, trustee of the Library Association, a state officer in the State Exchange Club and a member of the Mississippi State Board of Development. In the fraternal life of the city he is a member of the Masonic Order. Mr. Butterworth is a man that believes in his community and never passes up an opportunity to say a good word for it whenever the opportunity comes his way. His citizenship is of the highest and he is esteemed by those who know him.

DR. LOUIS D. DICKERSON, McComb, Miss---In most cities and communities there are some men who are true builders, men who give their energies toward the advancement that goes to make a city of importance in the State. In McComb Dr. Louis D. Dickerson is such a man, and much credit must be given him in the progress that has come to McComb, one of the very best cities in Mississippi. Doctor Dickerson was born in Simpson county, Mississippi, but has lived in McComb for the past thirty-three years and has been identified with its industrial development. He received his education in the public schools of the state and at Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City, from which institution he graduated March 1894. Dr. Dickerson has practiced medicine for the past thirty-five years, specializing in general surgery. From 1908 until 1912 he was connected with the State Board of Health and was instrumental in establishing the first health program which is now recognized as equal to any state in the Union. In his building activities he erected and opened the McComb City Drug Store in 1898, put in the first tile floor and steel ceiling in McComb. Built the McComb City Hospital in 1911. Built the Dickerson Building in 1921. In social and civic circles he is most prominent, has served three years as the president of the Chamber of Commerce, he is a member of the County, State and American medical associations and is a 32nd degree Mason, member of the Odd Fellows and a deacon in the Baptist Church.



DR. L. D. DICKERSON

D. LEE BLACKWELDER

D. LEE BLACKWELDER, McComb, Miss.---Acting Superintendent of McComb City Schools, an able instructor and educated gentleman. Mr. Blackwelder was born in Richmond, Ala., receiving his early education in the grammar schools and at the Phillips High School of Birmingham, Ala. He afterwards graduated from Howard College, Birmingham. Attended Columbia University, New York, summer sessions; the University of Alabama, summer sessions, and took courses at the University of Toulouse, France. Five years ago he came to McComb and was physical instructor for four years. For the past year he has held his present position. Prof. Blackwelder, has been active in many progressive movements since coming to McComb and is a member of the Kiwanis Club. He is active in Church work being a member of the First Baptist Church. In his school he has made a high record and is one of the recognized educators of the state.

Extension Work in Mississippi

(By R. S. WILSON, Director of Extension)

EXTENSION work as known today like many other national movements, had its beginning as an emergency measure.

About twenty-five years ago, the Mexican cotton boll weevil crossed the Rio Grande into the state of Texas. Unfortunately, the authorities in Texas did not realize the seriousness of situation until it had spread too far to be controlled by any measure then known. Therefore, it continued its march of destruction northward and eastward until it covered practically the entire cotton belt. In fact, no really effective method of eradication was found until recent years, when the calcium arsenate dust method was worked out by Dr. B. R. Coad of the government experiment station at Tallulah, Louisiana.

Soon after the serious infestation in Texas was discovered, Secretary James Wilson sent a corps of entomologists to Texas to cope with the problem. It is no reflection on them to say, however, that as the pest was new to our country, and its life history and habits peculiar, they did not succeed at once in controlling the weevil.

About this time Secretary Wilson sent for Doctor Seaman A. Knapp, then located at Lake Charles, Louisiana, where he had successfully promoted the rice industry. Secretary Wilson had long been associated with Dr. Knapp, and had confidence in his ability, as the entire nation learned to have later. The problem was presented to Dr. Knapp by the secretary and his advice asked. Dr. Knapp replied that since we could not dispose of the weevil, we would have to teach the people such methods of farming and thrift as would enable them to make a living in spite of him.

Thus was begun what was known as the farmers' co-operative demonstration work. A very small appropriation was made by congress, and Dr. Knapp established his headquarters at Houston, Texas, with two assistants (one of these two, by the way, was Mr. J. A. Evans who is now assistant chief of the Office of Extension Work, Washington, D. C., and at this particular time, is acting as liason officer for the Department of Agriculture with the American Red Cross, at New Orleans).

The method adopted was to select a limited number of farmers in a given territory, who would agree to take a portion of their farms and use it as a demonstration for the community. The farmers would agree to carry out the instructions of Dr. Knapp, or his assistant, in the management of the plat, keep a record, and make a final report in the fall, comparing results with adjacent territory handled under ordinary methods. On the other hand, Dr. Knapp, or his assistants, were to make regular visits for the purpose of instruction, and in some cases, seed was furnished by the government. Incidentally, the farmer on his farm and the people generally at public gatherings, were instructed in thrift and general farm management.

The results from these demonstrations were so remarkable that there was a general demand for the extension of the work. As funds were not available, Dr. Knapp began to look about for other sources of support for the work. As result of conference between Dr. Knapp and Dr. Wallace Butterick, secretary of the General Educational Board of New York, it was agreed that this board would assist in financing the work. An agreement was reached by which in infested or threatened territory, the government would finance the work, while in non-infested territory, the General Education Board would finance the work; but employees would be commissioned by the government and have all of the privileges and be subject to all rules of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. In this way, the work was carried to all parts of the cotton belt.

The work was organized in Mississippi in 1906. The following men were selected in the order named: H. E. Savely, A. F. Banberg, A. S. Mehaig, H. D. Tate, J. W. Willis, and R. S. Wilson. Mr. Savely was the first state agent.

Two years later, the boys' club work was added to the program. It is an interesting fact that the boys' club work as a part of a real educational program, was started in Mississippi. In 1906, the Mississippi A. and M. College in co-operation with the Illinois Central railroad ran an institute train through Mississippi. One of the speakers was Prof. Perry Holden, a nationally known agriculturist. Prof. W. H. Smith, afterwards president of the Mississippi A. and M. College, but then county superintendent of Holmes county, heard Prof. Holden's address at Durant, Mississippi, in which he discussed some boys' corn clubs in Iowa. Prof. Smith at once grasped the possibilities of the idea and immediately organized the work in Holmes county. He was appointed collaborator with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and the work was carried out so successfully, that other counties followed suit, and the boys' club work became a part of the regular program of the farmers' co-operative demonstration work, since which time it has spread throughout the nation.

In 1908, Mr. Savely was transferred to the Washington office, to where Dr. Knapp had moved his headquarters, and was succeeded as state agent in Mississippi by R. S. Wilson. During the same year, the Mississippi legislature passed a law (Chap. 103, Acts of 1908) by which counties could appropriate money for a county commissioner of agriculture, and it was ruled by the attorney general that the same officer might be commissioned by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and act as county agent. Thus the present county agent system was established.

In 1911, the home demonstration was started in North Carolina, and Mississippi. Two agents were appointed in Mississippi, one in Lincoln and another in Copiah county under the immediate direction of Miss Susie V. Powell. An act, similar to that of 1908, was passed by the legislature by which counties could appropriate money for a home demonstration agent.

In 1914, the work had grown to the extent that it was recognized that it should not be carried on in the states without some co-ordination with the state forces. Therefore, congress passed an act, known as the "Smith-Lever agricultural extension bill," by which federal money was allotted to the land-grant colleges in the several states, for the purpose of carrying on extension work in agriculture and home economics under plans mutually agreed upon by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the land-grant colleges in the several states. Under this act, the farmers' co-operative demonstration work was consolidated with such forces of the extension work as were already being carried on by the colleges, all to be under the direction of a director of extension, who as a joint employee of the government and the college, and jointly

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A. C. ANDERSON

ALBERT C. ANDERSON, Ripley, Miss.—Editor and Publisher of the "Southern Sentinel," of Ripley, and the "Weekly Mississippian" of Jackson, two of the leading journals of Mississippi. Although Mr. Anderson spends a considerable portion of his time in Jackson he still maintains his home in Ripley, where he holds large interests besides his paper, the "Southern Sentinel," being the president of the Ripley Light Company; he is also president of the Ragsdale Rotary Engine Company, with headquarters in Jackson. Mr. Anderson is a native of Tippah county, receiving his education in the public schools of the county and at Deemas Institute. For twenty-five years Mr. Anderson has been in the publishing business in which he has been successful. The "Southern Sentinel" under his able management has become one of the leading papers of the state. "The Weekly Mississippian" is a new paper bidding for a place in Mississippi journalism, and is fast achieving that ambition. In the political, social and civic life of the state Mr. Anderson holds a high position. He has served three terms of four years each as a member of the State House of Representatives and one term in the State Senate and was president pro tem of that body for four years. Two different times the people of the state sent him as a delegate to National Conventions. Last year in the state election he was a candidate for Governor, being one of four seeking that honor, and received a large vote. He is a man of integrity and worth as a citizen of Mississippi.

R. L. NISBET, Ripley, Miss.—Superintendent of the Ripley City Schools. Mr. Nisbet was born in Pontotoc county and attended the public schools of that county, afterwards graduating from the University of Mississippi and receiving the finish to his education at Peabody College, at Nashville, Tenn. For twelve years he has been in school work in which he has been most successful and is considered one of the best educators of the state. For three years he has been in charge of the Ripley schools and has during that time made many improvements. He has also contracted for three years more. The Ripley high school has been and is one of the leading educational institutions of that section of the state; it has an enrollment of about 365 and graduates on an average of twenty each year; there are thirteen teachers in the several grades, each well qualified for the position held. In 1914 a new building was built which is now too small to accommodate the number of pupils in attendance, and for this reason a new building costing $7.000 was built recently. The Ripley school stands on an historical spot for it is on the same site where the old College stood for many years. Mr. Nisbet is fortunate in having a working P. T. A. with him for they have assisted him very much. In College fraternal circles Mr. Nisbet is a member of the Delta Psi.

R. L. NESBIT

B. L. COULTER

BAYARD LAMA COULTER, New Albany, Miss.—Was born in Williamsburg, the old county site of Covington County, Mississippi, July 28, 1887, of Scotch and Irish ancestry. Bayard Lamar Coulter received his elementary training in the country schools of Covington county. His junior high school work was done in Oakohay school located near Hot Coffee, on Oakohay river. It was in this splendid community school that he received the inspiration, under the direction of the best teachers of the times, to finish high school and go to college. His high school work was completed in the Oxford high school at Oxford, Mississippi, in 1904-1905. From this high school he entered the State University at Oxford, Mississippi, and was graduated from there in 1911 with the B.S. degree. Following his graduation from the State University he taught school for two years at Coffeeville, Mississippi, then he entered law school at Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi, and was graduated from there with LL.B. degree in 1914. On December 27, 1914, Mr. Coulter was married to Miss Lillian Effice McCraine of Woodville, Mississippi. Mr. Coulter was superintendent of schools in his home town, Collins, Mississippi, for two years and re-elected for a third term, but resigned and accepted the superintendency of the public schools at Ackerman, Mississippi. He served in this capacity until December 1917 when he resigned and entered the World War as a volunteer in the division of aviation. Three months after his enlistment he was commissioned a lieutenant and served his country in the World War until honorably discharged April 14, 1919. Since the World War he has again served as superintendent of schools, one year at Philadelphia, Mississippi, and for the last eight years at New Albany, Mississippi. Mr. Coulter has done graduate work at the Universties of Chicago and Ohio and is now completing work for his M.A. degree at Peabody College. He is prominent in the social and religious life of his community. He is a member of the Baptist church, and superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School. He has served as president of the School Masters' Club of North Mississippi, president of the State High School Conference and secretary of the New Albany Rotary Club. He is a Shriner of the Hamasa Temple, Meridian, Mississippi, member of the Kappa Alpha Social Fraternity and Pi Gamma Mu Literary Fraternity.

W. R. NETTLES, Tishomingo, Miss.—Superintendent of the Tishomingo County Agricultural High School. Mr. Nettles was born in Woodville, Miss., and has spent the most of his life in agricultural and educational work, for seventeen years he has been in school work and for the past twelve years has been located here as the superintendent of this school. He received his education in the common schools of Wilkinson county and Mississippi A. & M. College, attending four summer sessions there in graduate work. During his residence at Tishomingo he has taken a strong part in the activities of the community; has served on the board of aldermen for six years, as a member of the county election commission and as chairman of the Democratic county executive committee; he is president of the County Teachers' Association, member of executive committee Northeast Schoolmasters' Club, president of the Chamber of Commerce, member of the Masonic Order, and the Eastern Star, and is registrar of the Methodist Church. As the superintendent of this school he has worked faithfully and well in making it one of the best schools of its kind in that section of the state. The enrollment is around one hundred and fifty and the number of graduates each year averages from thirty to forty. The school has recently completed the repairs on the boys' dormitory at a cost of $10.500; completed new athletic field at a cost of $1,500, and the school has made a fine record in athletic and literary events during the past few years, having won the medal in agriculture during the past three years, under the management of Mr. Nettles, who takes a personal interest in these events. Mr. Nettles has attained a high position in the educational field as a teacher and executive.

W. R. NETTLES

J. J. DARBY, Fayette, Miss.—Superintendent of the Fayette City Schools. Prof. Darby was born in McHenry, Stone County, Miss., but was educated in the schools of Harrison County, graduating from the State Teachers Normal College at Hattiesburg. For the past five years he has been teaching school and is an able and efficient educator. For the past year he has had charge of the school at Fayette, Jefferson County, Miss., and has been most successful in his work and the building up the school to the highest standard of educational work. The Fayette school is a separate district accredited institution with an average attendance of 250 students.

THE FARMERS BANK, Osyka, Miss.—This is one of the sound financial institutions of Southwest Mississippi and of sufficient strength to take care of the banking business in Osyka. The Capital Stock is $20,000.00 and the Surplus and undivided profits are $14.000, with net resources of over $350.000; the deposits are over $350.000.00. The officers of the bank are numbered among the leading business men of Pike County and are: President, A. D. Felder, Magnolia; Vice-president, J. A. Ott; Vice-president and cashier, W. H. Grace; Assistant Cashier, G. E. Thomas. Mr. Grace is one of the particularly progressive men of Osyka and its surrounding territory and the highest type of citizenship.

responsible to both. Ten thousand dollars was allotted to each state unconditionally with an increase each year for seven years, provided all additional funds thus provided, were offset by funds in equal amount from within the state.

Dr. E. R. Lloyd was appointed director, with R. S. Wilson as assistant director. Dr. Lloyd resigned January 1st, 1919, to take charge of the educational bureau of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce, and was succeeded by R. S. Wilson who was succeeded as assistant director by J. W. Willis.

The extension work in Mississippi now embraces the following projects:

Animal husbandry, dairying, poultry husbandry, horticulture, agricultural engineering, including soil-building, farm crops, extension forestry, home demonstration work, home management, foods and nutrition, boys' and girls' club work, and co-operative marketing.

In addition to the above, our forces are called upon for a large amount of miscellaneous service such as assisting in the control of animal diseases, co-operating with the Plant Board in combatting plant diseases and pests, co-operating with the Department of Health in promoting health among the rural people, etc.

Activities of the State Plant Board

(By CLAY LYLE)

THE State Plant Board, with central headquarters at the A. & M. College, touches every phase of Mississippi agriculture in its efforts to keep out new crop pests and to eradicate or control those already present. District inspectors, located at twenty strategic points, perform all the various kinds of Plant Board work in their respective territories and render service to farmers, truckers, and orchardists in every county of the state.

One of the important duties of these inspectors is to examine all plant shipments entering Mississippi by express, freight, parcel post, or on ships, for the purpose of enforcing quarantines against the pink bollworm of cotton, sweet potato weevil, alfalfa weevil, Japanese beetle, European corn borer, gipsy moth, and many other destructive pests from other states and countries.

Many thousands of acres of cotton, corn, sweet potatoes, sugar cane, and other crops, and thousands of orchards, gardens, and nurseries are examined every year by these inspectors in looking for the above and many other insect pests and plant diseases. During the past two years more than 8,000 orchards and vineyards have been examined and control measures advised for various pests.

All fruit trees and other nursery stock sold in the state are carefully inspected by the Plant Board to insure buyers that they are getting plants free from diseases and insect pests. Over 30,000,000 trees and plants were inspected in Mississippi nurseries in 1926 and 1927. Unreliable nurseries and unscrupulous fruit tree agents have been driven from the state.

The sweet potato inspection service of the Plant Board has saved hundreds of thousands of dollars to the farmers of Mississippi through the control and prevention of sweet potato diseases. In 1926 and 1927 there were 7,460 acres of sweet potatoes inspected for certification, and in addition several thousand acres in south Mississippi were given special inspections for the sweet potato weevil. Mississippi certified seed sweet potatoes and plants, on account of the strict inspection standards of the Plant Board, have become justly famed throughout the South for their high quality.

Citrus canker, worst scourge of the citrus industry, occurred in four south Mississippi counties at one time, but has been eradicated through the efforts of the State Plant Board, and in consequence thousands of acres are now being planted in Satsuma oranges. 5,863,413 orange trees were inspected for this disease during 1926 and 1927.

Thousands of families live in peace and comfort as a result of Argentine ant campaigns by the Plant Board in co-operation with many towns in the state. Thirty-five campaigns were put on in 1925, forty-two in 1926, and thirty-seven in 1927, with splendid results in every case.

Many thousand colonies of bees have been inspected for bee diseases, and American foulbrood, the worst disease of bees, has been eradicated from the state with the exception of one county. Hundreds of beekeepers have been advised about their problems.

Approximately 40,000 packages of wilt-resistant tomato seed have been grown and distributed free of charge to gardeners in all parts of the state, through the co-operation of the Plant Board and Experiment Stations in a fight against tomato wilt. Work is also being carried on with the hope of developing strains of sweet potatoes and cabbage that are resistant to diseases.

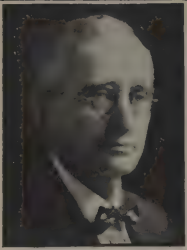
About 15,000 specimens of insects and plant diseases from all sections of Mississippi are examined in the Plant Board laboratory each year. Hundreds of farmers are assisted in orchard spraying, boll weevil poisoning, controlling field and truck crop pests, and many thousands of letters are written in answer to questions.

Efforts are made at all times to improve the service of the Plant Board, but even with the highest efficiency in service, the value of any organization is directly proportionate to the number of citizens who avail themselves of its services. Hence, every citizen of the state should feel free to call on this Board for advice and assistance in controlling any pests of the house, garden, orchard, and farm. Call on the nearest inspector, or address letters and packages directly to the State Plant Board, A. & M. College, Miss.

The Good Work of the County Agent

THERE are few people that give credit to the great work that the County Agent is doing in Mississippi. We honestly believe that during the past decade he has done more constructive work in agriculture and horticulture than any other agency in the state. Here is what the agent in Greene county writes us:

"I am really doing a big work here; the best that I have ever done. In fact the farm interests in county are growing by leaps and bounds. We will have ten times as much truck and five times as much cotton as last year. And talk about co-operation, they are simply working me to a frazzle. I can't answer half the calls I get, and have to do my office work at night."


W. F. BOND

W. F. BOND, Jackson, Miss.---State Superintendent of Education. Mr. Bond has done a great work in the building up of the school system of Mississippi during the eleven years that he has held his present position, the story of which is told in another section of this book. W. F. Bond was born near Maxie, Miss., twenty-five miles south of Hattiesburg, February 22, 1876. He received his early education in a one-teacher school in Perry county, then attended the Lumberton, Lamar county, public schools and the Purvis High School, afterwards graduating from Peabody College, of Nashville, Tenn. For thirty-five years he has followed the vocation as a public instructor, and has held but three positions since leaving college in 1902. Ten years as principal of the Wiggins High School, during a portion of this time he served the town of Wiggins as its City Clerk. He was for four years head of the Department of History and Latin at the State Teachers College at Hattiesburg, and has held his present office as State Superintendent of Education. An office he is particularly fitted to fill by reason of his high education, his deep study of educational work with visions of a greater school system for the state, a large volumn of which has been put in force, and has built up the principles of education to that high standard that Mississippi leads all States of the Union today, in educational advancement. In social, civic and fraternal life of Jackson Mr. Bond is prominent and an active member of the Baptist Church and the fraternal order of W. O. W.

GEORGE DUMAH RILEY, Jackson, Miss.---Among the outstanding men of Mississippi there is none that holds a higher position than the subject of this short sketch, Hon. George Dumah Riley. Mr. Riley was born in Lawrence County, Mississippi, and has lived in the State all of his life. He received his education in the schools of Lawrence County and Mississippi Normal College at Houston, Mississippi. For several years after leaving school he was in the mercantile business in Houston and then for seven years he was in the insurance business. He followed that business until in 1912, when he was elected Superintendent of Education of Chickasaw county. During two years of his twelve years' term as superintendent of education in Chickasaw county he was president of the State Association of County Superintendents. In 1923 he was, by the largest vote ever given to the incumbent of that office, elected to the office of State Auditor, serving in that capacity until January of this year. He expected to be a candidate for Governor of Mississippi in the election of 1927 but immediately after the death of Governor H. L. Whitfield, he withdrew. In the fraternal life of the State Mr. Riley, a 32nd degree Mason, is a prominent person. He served the State as Grand Master of Masons; as Worthy Grand Patron of the Eastern Star; as Chairman of the National Masonic Service Association; and has held several other offices of trust in the Masonic Order. He is now a member of the Board of Managers of the Masonic Homes. Mr. Riley has been active in the work of the church of his choice, the Baptist, and for fifteen years was superintendent of his Sunday School in Houston. He is a highly respected Christian gentleman, a man of integrity and worth in his citizenship, and has legions of warm personal friends in all walks of life in Mississippi.

GEORGE DUMAH RILEY

DR. L. M. BATSON

DR. M. L. BATSON, Jackson, Miss.---Medical Director and Superintendent of Mississippi School for the Blind. It is to the credit of Mississippi that the State maintains several institutions that are for the purpose of giving comfort and a home to those that are not able to supply such comforts. One of the best of these and one that is of great benefit to those afflicted by being blind, is the one that Dr. Batson has supervision over, and he is one man that is well fitted for this position, being an able physician and a man of he highest integrity and understands the needs of the people under his care and gives them his attention. Dr. Batson was educated in the schools of Mississippi and at the University of the South and is a graduate of the University of Tennessee. He has practiced his profession for twenty-five years and eight years ago was appointed to his present position. Being a good Mississippian he takes a prominent position and is active in those matters that are for the betterment of the state and his home city of Jackson. He is a 32nd degree Mason, a Shriner and a member of the W. O. W. and the K. of P. Dr. Batson has been associated as active member of the staff of the State Charity Hospital for the past 10 years, also the Baptist Hospital. He has had post graduate work at the New Orleans Polyclinic, Johns Hopkins, of Baltimore, and Massachusetts General Hospital, of Boston. His practice is limited to the eye, ear, nose and throat.

MACEY DINKINS, Jackson, Miss---A man who has held many responsible positions and a citizen that believes and has visions of greater things for his home state. Mr. Dinkins was born in Louisiana but has lived in Mississippi since he was seven years old where he has been a worker for the interest of the state. He gained his education in the schools of this state and Louisiana, graduating from the high school at Canton. For the past nineteen years he has lived in Jackson, and was engaged in the newspaper business for ten years. He has held several public offices, among which were Clerk in the State Auditor's Office, Clerk in the State Tax Commission Office, Clerk in the Office of the Secretary of the United States Senate, Keeper of Stationery of the United States Senate, and has been private Secretary to three Governors of Mississippi, Gov. Russell, Gov. Henry L. Whitfield and Governor Dennis Murphree. In the campaign last year he was a candidate for State Auditor and received a very handsome vote in all parts of the state. In the business life of Jackson he operates news stands in both the Heidleberg and Royal Hotels.

MACEY DINKINS

CURTIS TAYLOR GREEN

CURTIS TAYLOR GREEN, Jackson, Miss.---Adjutant General of Mississippi. Without a doubt there is not a better known or more highly esteemed man in Mississippi than General Curtis Taylor Green, especially is this true in military circles. General Green was born in Chattanooga, Tenn., April 4th, 1890. He was educated in the schools of his native city, at McCallie Military Academy, of Mission Ridge, Tenn., University of Chattanooga, receiving his L. L. D. degree at the latter and graduated from Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss. with the class of 1911. General Green served in the World's War, and was commissioned Captain of Field Artillery, April 11th, 1917, and served over sea from August 30th, 1918 to June 14th, 1919. On August 5th, 1924 he received his commission as Adjutant General of Mississippi. In that position he worked faithfully to build up the Military organization of the state which he has, by hard work, made one of the best in the South. It was through his efforts that the large encampment fields were established at Biloxi, where the annual encampment of Mississippi troops will be held each year. In the civic and social life of Jackson General Green takes an advanced position and is a member of the Scottish and York rite Masons and a Shriner. He is a member of the local Kiwanis Club and the American Legion. In school societies he is a member of the Kappa Alpha.

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THE STATE TAX COMMISSION

(By FRANK R. BIRDSALL)

THE present personnel of the Mississippi State Tax Commission is Cecil E. Inman, chairman, representing the Third, or Northern District; George R. Hightower, the Second, or Southern District, and F. R. Birdsall, representing the Middle, or First District. Captain Inman's term of office expires on April 7, but his successor has not at this time (April 7) been appointed by Governor Bilbo, and the general belief is that the appointment will not be made until just before the adjournment of the present legislature.

The terms of the members of the First and Second district both expire at the same time, April, 1930.

It is generally admitted that the operation of this branch of the state government has done much to equalize taxable property in the state, and to provide revenues for the operation of the various departments, and has been instrumental in uncovering much property heretofore escaping taxation or grossly undervalued.

The origin of the Tax Commission grew out of the abuses in the assessment of property for the different counties of the state and the general recognition of the necessity for a state board to equalize assessments among the counties of the state. The first governor to recommend the creation of a Tax Commission was Governor Noel in his inaugural message in 1908, in which he said:

> "Our state tax is collected upon the varying standards of assessment, adopted by 78 counties and the railroad commissioners, each wholly independent of the other. Instances exist where land of the same kind and value on one side of the county line, through higher assessment, pays four times as much state tax as other land just across that line. Some form of fair tax equalization, by which individual and corporate property regardless of location or kind, would be taxed according to actual value, can be devised and is imperatively needed."

In a special message to the Legislature on February 17th, 1908, Governor Noel further emphasized the need for a State Board of Equalization, from which the following is taken:

> "The assessments from which the fixed state levy is collected are made by the railroad commission and by 78 different boards of supervisors, each wholly independent of the other, and adopting widely different standards of valuation. Some uniform standard of valuation should be applied to all property, regardless of county lines and of individual or corporate ownership, otherwise variations of several hundred per cent in valuation of same worth, dependent on county lines or corporate ownership will be found. Either the state revenues should be collected from privileges, inheritances, income and other indirect taxes, or a uniform assessment should be secured by the establishment of a board of equalizers, not authorized to deal with county assessments, except as a whole, and for the purpose of putting all counties and public service corporations on a parity as to their obligation to contribute to the maintenance of the state, according to their respective ability."

Governor Noel again recommended the creation of a Board of Equalization in his message of 1910, in which he said:

> "Our present assessment methods, in practical application, which is the correct test, are fatally defective. Seventy-eight different assessors and boards of supervisors, with widely varied estimates, views and interests, determine what ad valorem tax their respective counties will pay, their decision being in effect, final. Until the state's revenues, as they ought to be, are derived chiefly, or altogether, from privileges, inheritance, corporation and other special taxes, capable of accurate ascertainment, by state authorities, there should be provided some form of state supervision, so that local or political influence cannot wrongfully govern local assessments."

In 1916, Governor Bilbo recommended the creation of a Tax Commission in his inaugural address, in which he said:

> "The state of Mississippi suffers under the most anomalous, paradoxical and illogical tax system ever devised by an enlightened government, because, perhaps, no other government anywhere in the world deliberately renounces all authority, control or supervision, even, in the matter of providing its own revenues, for its own support, as does Mississippi. It not only renounces and alienates the control of its own alimony, but places that control in the hands of 80 different bodies whose primary motive and interest it is, as freely declared by many of them, to give the state as small a part as possible of the taxes that are gathered. And so well is this purpose accomplished, in many cases, that the state returns to the county for school purposes, alone, more money than is paid by the county into the state treasury for all purposes of government. Eighty different boards of supervisors fix 80 different bases of assessment, the primary motive of each of which is to pay into the state treasury as little money as possible. The tax levies of counties and municipalities, during the past year, have been deliberately raised, and the assessments correspondingly lowered, for the avowed purpose of reducing to a minimum the taxes paid to the state. But even where that unfilial motive is not present, the operation of the system of county assessments, as a basis of state revenue, is no less disastrous in its consequences. County assessments are usually based upon the county's revenue requirements, without much respect to the state's needs or to actual property values; if a 25 per cent assessment suffices for the county's needs, by common consent, property is assessed at that per cent of its value; if 50 per cent or 75 per cent assessments are locally required, they are accordingly made by the local authority. The result of such a system completely sets at naught the constitutional requirement that taxation shall be equal and uniform, and we find practically every county paying taxes upon a different basis of valuation, ranging anywhere from 20 to 75 per cent of actual values, and the state must derive its revenues from such haphazard sources.

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A. H. ALVIS, Jackson, Miss.—President and Manager of the Heidelberg Hotel Company, Inc.—Prominent among the men who make Jackson their home it is a pleasure for us to make particular mention of Mr. A. H. Alvis, a hotel manager to the manor born, and a man who is well known in Mississippi and other states as an outstanding man in his special business. Mr. Alvis was born in Pocahontis, Alabama, where he spent his early life and receiving his education in the schools of that state. For several years he lived in Birmingham, Ala., and followed the vocation of a [illegible] up to the time he went into the hotel business, in which he has been most successful. He has resided in Jackson for the past [illegible] years, and is now, and has been, since the Heidelberg was built in Jackson, the manager of that hotel, one of the most [illegible] in the South, and is the president of the Heidelberg Hotel Company, Inc., who also operate the Hotel [illegible], Athens, Ala.; Hotel Lamar, Yazoo City, Miss.; Hotel Chester, Starkville, Miss., and the "Floridan" Hotel of Tallahassee, Fla., which was opened in April of this year. He was also formerly connected with the Hotel Yarborough of Huntsville, Ala. and the "Alvis" of Baton Rouge, La. That he conducts all of these hotels to the entire satisfaction of the guests and the traveling public demonstrates his ability as an hotel [illegible]. Mr. Alvis is a [illegible] for his state, and is always found rendering such assistance as will promote its best welfare.

AMMONS MANUFACTURING COMPANY, Jackson, Miss.—Under the management of that sterling gentleman and progressive citizen, Mr. L. D. Ammons, the proprietor and manager of this business interest, the company has grown so that today it holds a high position in the manufacturing world, in the making and installing of [illegible] in public and private buildings. The business was established in [illegible], but for the past two years the work has been practically confined to manufacturing the [illegible] fixtures for [illegible] stores, having a contract for the exclusive installing of this work.

W. J. DAVIS & COMPANY, Jackson, Miss.—As the cotton business is one of, if not the largest, industries it is a business proposition and a necessity that there are many firms and individuals engaged in the marketing of this product. In Jackson a leading firm is W. J. Davis & Company, Cotton Merchants, who are well qualified to take care of the products placed in their hands. They have offices both in Jackson and New Orleans and are members of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange.

DR. CHARLES D. MITCHELL, Jackson, Miss.—Superintendent of the Mississippi State Hospital for the Insane. To achieve in one's work requires strict attention to duty as they come in that line. For forty years Dr. Mitchell has followed this rule and he has achieved that success in his profession that today he holds one of the most, if not the most, particular positions in the state, that of taking care of and attending the state's insane. For ten years he has filled this position in such a manner that his work is commended by all the people. Dr. Mitchell is a native of Mississippi and after receiving a high school education he graduated from the University of Mississippi and afterward from the University of Tennessee. During the forty years that he has practiced his profession his close attention to his work has been such that he has endeared himself to all of the people who know him. For a time he was the president of the State Board of Health, where his [illegible] assisted most materially in the placing of that particular department in the state in its present high position among the states of the nation. In social and fraternal life Dr. Mitchell is prominent and is a member of the Masonic Order, K. of P., and W. O. W.

CLAUDE BENNETT, Jackson, Miss.—Supervisor of Accredited High Schools, of Mississippi, connected with the Educational Department of the state. This is a most responsible position held by Mr. Bennett, but he is a man well able to take care of the duties of the office. Mr. Bennett received his education at Mississippi College, Duke University and Peabody College. He graduated from Duke University in 1908, with his A. B. Degree, from Peabody College in [illegible] with his M. A. degree. From [illegible] to 1922 he was the superintendent of schools for Lincoln County, and has spent the larger part of his life in educational work. [illegible] years ago he came to Jackson and accepted this position that he now holds. In fraternal circles he is a member of the Masons, the college societies he is a member of the Phi Delta Kappa and Sigma Chi. He is also a member of the Baptist Church and is married having [illegible] children.

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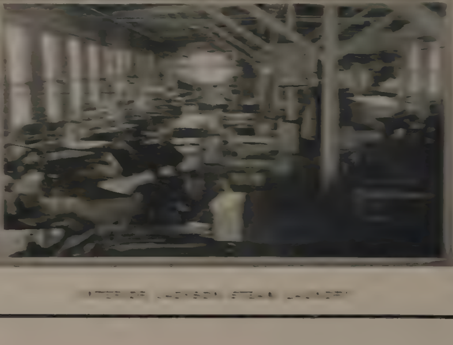
ISIDORE LEHMAN

ISIDORE LEHMAN, Jackson, Miss.—President and General Manager of the Jackson Steam Laundry, one of the largest establishments of this character in the State.—Prominent among those outstanding men of Jackson and Mississippi, and a man that has always been in the forefront of every progressive movement for the betterment of his home city, a man whom all [illegible] and esteem, is the subject of this editorial mention. Mr. Isidore Lehman, who for the past twenty-five years has held a high and responsible position among the business activities of the city. Mr. Lehman is strictly a Jackson boy, born and reared in the city, receiving his education in the public schools of his native city. At an early age he went into business for himself and established the Jackson Steam Laundry. The beginning was comparatively small, but under the guiding hand and the high business ability of Mr. Lehman it has grown in business and the size of the plant until today it is modern in all of its appointments and equipped with the best and most modern machinery known to the laundry business and covers a large territory for which [illegible]. In connection the company operates a dry cleaning plant, operated under the supervision of skilled workmen, giving a service that has won a most enviable position with its many patrons. In the business, civic, religious and social life of Jackson and throughout a large part of the State, Mr. Lehman's position is well established as a man who does things, and assists in accomplishing what is for the greatest benefit in the upbuilding of the city and the State and their institutions. He is the president of Beth Israel Congregation, and member of B'nai B'rith Lodge, a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, Shriner, vice-president Scottish Rite Council in Mississippi, Elk, K. of P., W. O. W., a member of the Mississippi Travelers Association, Rotarian, Civic League, Member of the Laundry Owners National Association, chairman of the National Advertising Campaign for Mississippi of that association, a director in the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, vice-president (and acting president) Mississippi Children's Home Finding Society, Director Jackson Council Boy Scouts, Member Jackson Board of Education, and a director in the Merchants Bank and Trust Company. Would we had more men in Mississippi like this honorable gentleman whose high citizenship makes him a leader in the life of his home city.

JACKSON STEAM LAUNDRY BUILDING



INTERIOR JACKSON STEAM LAUNDRY

"Eighty different boards of supervisors provide the state's revenues, each saying how much it will give, and exhausting every ingenuity that can be devised to give as little as possible, because each believes that every other county board is doing the same thing. That the state can exist at all, under such conditions, is matter for marvel. That revenue system can not be continued, because, under it, the state is being starved to death; a remedy must be sought and relief found as speedily as possible."

The Legislature of 1916 created the State Tax Commission, composed of three members to be appointed from the three supreme court districts of the state and in defining the purpose of the Commission, used this language: "It is the purpose and intent of this act to bring about an equalization throughout the state of the values of the various classes of property subject to be taxed so that the value fixed in one county shall not be out of due proportion to the values fixed in other counties on the same classes of property."

The Act of 1916 authorized the Tax Commission to examine the assessment rolls of the different counties of the state and to order increases or decreases in the assessment of different classes of property so that the assessments would be equal and uniform throughout the state.

The members of the Commission were required to visit each county in the state, familiarize themselves with the character and value of the different classes of property, investigate the work and methods used by the boards of supervisors and tax assessors, to ascertain what revenue laws were defective or improperly administered and to report the result of their findings to the governor.

In 1918, this was changed to require the Tax Commission to report to the Legislature direct.

In 1918, the Tax Commission was given the following additional duties: (a) To employ experts, appraisers, inspectors and timber estimators to aid the Tax Commission in the more efficient discharge of its duties; (b) To accumulate a library on revenue laws, fiscal matters and taxation; (c) To publish all new revenue laws following each session of the legislature; (d) To provide forms and obtain statements from all business concerns showing the value of property owned and the amount of fire insurance carried on buildings and personal propetry; (e) Prescribe the form of the tax lists for personal property, real estate, banks, railroad companies and other public service corporations; (f) To prescribe the form of the land and personal rolls; (g) To assess railroad, telegraph, telephone, express companies and other public service corporations.

In 1917, the board of supervisors of Washington county refused to carry out the instructions of the State Tax Commission and suit was brought by the attorney general to compel a compliance with the orders of the Tax Commission. This case was carried to the supreme court and that tribunal upheld the constitutionality of the act creating the State Tax Commission, and the power of the Commission to enforce its orders (State ex rel Attorney General vs. Wheatley et al., 113 Miss. 555; 74 Sou. 427).

In 1919, the board of supervisors of Quitman county refused to carry out the instructions of the Tax Commission and another suit was brought which was carried to the supreme court and a decision rendered holding that the decision of the State Tax Commission, directing an increase or decrease, was final as to the board of supervisors. (Taylor vs. Collins, 121 Miss. 771; 83 So. 810.)

In 1918, the Legislature enacted an inheritance tax law and placed the administration in the hands of the State Tax Commission. This law was amended in 1924 and provision made for the employment of necessary agents to properly enforce the law.

The Legislature of 1924 also enacted the state income tax law and placed its administration in the chairman of the State Tax Commission and made the three members of the Commission a board of appeals from any decision of the Income Tax Commission.

At the 1924 session of the Legislature, a law was enacted providing for the assessment of freight line companies and equipment companies and provided that the Tax Commission should be assessors of this class of property.

In 1926, the Legislature also required the State Tax Commission to assess electric light and electric power companies owning property in more than one county of the state, but made the law effective January 1st, 1928.

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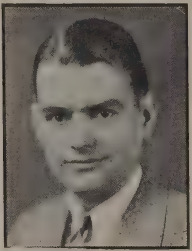
BAILEY SCHUMPERT

BAILEY SCHUMPERT, West Point, Miss.---Superintendent of the West Point City Schools. The schools of West Point are the pride of the city, and the people are constantly adding to their worth as educational institutions. For nine years Mr. Bailey Schumpert has been the superintendent in charge and to his energy and high executive ability and his worth as a citizen much credit must be given in placing the schools of West Point in the high position they hold among the schools of the state and the South for that matter. Mr. Schumpert was born in Evergreen, Miss., receiving his education in the schools of the state and graduating with his A.B. degree from Peabody College. He has been and is active in school work of the state, was a member of the state text book commission in 1910, has been a member of the state board of examiners for twelve years, and has been in high school work for the past twenty-five years, always holding the position of superintendent. In West Point he takes an active interest in its social, fraternal and civic life, is a member of the Masons, K. of P., active in the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. The West Point school belongs to the All Southern group of high schools. It is the intention of the board of trustees to build a new and much larger school building during the next year.

MOSES WILLIAMS, West Point, Miss.---Operating the West Point Ice & Coal Company, one of the best equipped plants of this character in northeast Mississippi. Its service to the people is well looked after by Mr. Williams, who is one of the citizens of West Point that believes in future greatness for this section, and he never lets an opportunity pass that will advance its development. Mr. Williams believes in building for the future. That we owe it to the generations to come in such a manner that it will stand as a monument to this generation. He is a native Mississippian, born in Monroe county, receiving his education in the schools of the county. He was married in 1901 to Miss Ollie Tucker, of Booneville, Miss., and has one child living, Moses Milford, and lost one by death, William Heslen. In 1912 he moved to West Point, and two years later took charge of this plant which he has made a success, and one of the important interests of the community. In social, fraternal and civic circles Mr. Williams is steward in the Methodist church, a member of the Masonic Order and a Shriner, and is active in the deliberations of the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. The writer has known Mr. Williams for the past several years and know him to be a man of the highest type of citizenship, unassuming, of sound judgment, progressive, public spirited, and very highly esteemed by all who know him. He is a true citizen in all that the words imply, a zealous worker in the church and generous and indulgent husband and father.

MOSES WILLIAMS



ARTHUR M. WIMMELL

ARTHUR M. WIMMELL, West Point, Miss.---Editor and Publisher of the West Point Times-Herald, a leading weekly paper of Northeast Mississippi. The Times-Herald is a well printed and ably edited newspaper that has gained a high position in the field of Mississippi journalism. The plant is well fitted with modern machinery and type which places Mr. Wimmell in a position to do all kinds of printing, from a small job to the large booklet. The circulation of the paper is a large one and covers Clay and adjoining counties where it is a power for good and the upbuilding of the community which it serves. Mr. Wimmell was born in Thyar, Kans., and was educated in the public schools of Texas, finishing his education at the University of Missouri in the School of Journalism, studying under Dean Walter Williams, an internationally known journalist. He worked on several papers in Missouri and about a year ago he came to West Point and purchased the Times-Herald and has been successful in placing that paper on the high plane of journalism that it now holds. Mr. Wimmell, being a practical printer as well as an able writer, has an advantage in his work that few newspaper men possess. In the life of West Point he takes an active position and stands firmly behind all projects that have a tendency to build a bigger and better community.

A. H. INGRAM, West Point, Miss.---General manager of the West Point Casket Company, and a man who believes in doing everything possible to develop the great resources that all parts of Mississippi possesses. Mr. Ingram was born in Clay county, Alabama, where he received his early schooling, but his real education was gained in the great school of practical experience. For twelve years he has been in the casket manufacturing business and two years ago he came to West Point and established this plant, coming here on account of the exceptional railroad facilities, for West Point has the best of transportation in its three lines of railroads reaching out in all directions. His company make a full line of cloth covered wooden caskets, and the business has steadily increased since moving to West Point until today there are from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five caskets shipped from the plant each week. It is the intention of Mr. Ingram to enlarge the facilities for production and also enlarge the plant. Since coming here Mr. Ingram has identified himself with the progressive people of the city and is an active member of the West Point Chamber of Commerce and other organizations.

A. H. INGRAM

C. C. CLARK, West Point, Miss.---Owner and Manager of the West Point Coca Cola Bottling Co. For twenty-two years he has lived in West Point and for that length of time he has given of his time and money toward the advancement of the city and Clay county. The writer has known Mr. Clark for several years and we consider him one of the most progressive citizens in northeast Mississippi and there are many men of his character in that section of the state. In his plant, he has installed the latest models of bottling machinery and his trade goes far afield in its scope. He was born in Kentucky, but forgot that when he came to Mississippi, for he came with the intention of being, just what he is, a loyal Mississippian and a booster for the section in which he lives.

V. L. KING, West Point, Miss.---President and General Manager of the King Ice Cream & Creamery Company, and one of West Point and Clay county's boosters. Mr. King received his education in the schools of Indiana and took a dairying course at Purdue University. Twelve years ago he came to West Point and established the King Ice Cream & Creamery Company, in which he has been most successful. This business enterprise has been a great help in the development of the dairying business in and around Clay county. Today the plant is manufacturing about 500,000 pounds of butter annually beside using some 3,000 gallons of sweet milk daily that is manufactured into other milk products. Mr. King is an able business man and a citizen who has the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens.

Things That Cheap and Dependable Power Will Do

THAT hydro electric power is the great builder of modern times is an undeniable fact for it has been demonstrated by actual use in many sections of the country. Were we to go back to the time that we became personally acquainted with the use of using water power for generating electric power we would again visit Niagara Falls. During the early part of the present century, when the people of the state of New York objected very much that the waters from the Niagara river should be turned from flowing over the falls, and developed into commercial interests, for it was said that it would destroy the beauty of the falls. It was in 1904 that we visited the Falls for the purpose of writing a story of hydro-electric power and spent some six weeks in doing this work. At that time there were three power companies that had secured concessions, and one that had been using the water of the river from above the falls for several years as "old fashioned water power;" these were the Ontario Power Company, the largest; and the Niagara Power Company and the Toronto and Niagara Power Company. The Schelkopf plant was at about that time made an electric power plant. In all, these plants were generating about six hundred thousand horsepower, just what the capacity is now we are not informed but it is far in excess of that figure.

We thought at that time that Niagara Falls would in a few years become a great manufacturing city, but in that we were wrong for Niagara Falls is not more than as large again today than it was twenty-four years ago. It was the source of this mighty power and we thought it logical that it would be where manufacturing interests would naturally center. Power did not do this, but this is what it did do: it built up the cities, towns and communities within a radius of several hundred miles of Niagara Falls. For here great stretches of transmission lines reach out to Buffalo, Lockport and up the shore line of Lake Erie for miles and miles and we could tell of the towns that it built into large cities had we the room; small towns of a few hundred population grew to cities of thousands of population. Then another great network of transmission lines go down along the line of the old Erie canal to Rochester, Syracuse, Rome, Auburn and on to Albany, serving not only these cities but the smaller towns as well, operating great manufacturing interests, bringing wealth and prosperity to the people. And today the city of Niagara Falls uses as its slogen, "Power Unlimited, Beauty Unimpaired," and this is the slogan that we coined when we went there to write the story of "Power" as we found it.

Now it is time that we came nearer home and visit our dear Southland. Some twelve years ago we spent nearly a year in North and South Carolina, and while there studied the hydro-electric power development in those two states, where the greatest community of cotton manufacturing in the country exists, for the South produces sixty per cent of cotton goods manufactured in the United States. What was it that made this great industry possible? It was because cheap and dependable power was available. The transmission lines, carrying power energy, are like unto the spider web, covering the whole of the two states. This is what has made North Carolina the best state in the South in its industrial activities. It is what made High Point, N. C., equal if it does not excel Grand Rapids, Michigan, in the manufacture of furniture.

Now, we have been telling what hydro-electric power has done for some localities. It is about time that we said something about what it will do for Mississippi, although we could keep on telling the story of what it has done in many parts of the country, but it would be the same old story over again.

The story of hydro-electric power in Mississippi has hardly gotten to the beginning; in other words, we have only got started. Yet the Mississippi Power & Light Company, who are pioneers supplying "white coal" to the state, has done some great work and they have only started in what they intend to do. They now have their transmission lines connected up with their great power plants in Arkansas and Louisiana, and inter-connected with the Memphis Power Company on the north and the Louisiana Power Company on the south, covering nearly one-half of the state, from these lines the smaller lines to all the towns and farming districts will be covered in the near future. Besides these transmission lines from the source of power the company have many of the local plants in different sections of the western part of the state in operation, but there will come a time when these local plants will not be necessary, and the communities will be serviced from the large hydro-electric plants.

The Mississippi Power & Light Company have done great work, but as we said at the beginning they have hardly gotten started yet in what they intend to do. The organization of this company are men who take a personal interest in the people of the state and are commencing to work on getting factories to locate here and to induce the farmers to use electric power in their farm work where it can be used to advantage. The members of the company believe in the state and its opportunities and resources and have spent millions of dollars in their work "Helping to Build Mississippi."

In the eastern part of the state the Mississippi Power Company is working along the same lines, in building transmission lines that are connected or will be connected with the power plants of the Alabama Power Company in Alabama, as the Mississippi Power Company is a subsidiary company of the Alabama Power Company. This company should have the power from Muscle Shoals, and has been trying to secure this power for the past four years, but without this the company have great plants that are generating more power than is used in Alabama, for considerable of that state has coal at its doors.

Mississippi must depend on these companies for their source of power, or the consolidated companies that make up those that are working in the Southeastern states. The people of Mississippi don't care who supplies it as long as we have it, and a plenty, that the state may grow, for hydro-electric power is a great necessity for the future prosperity of the state in a big way. It is the one thing that will create manufacturing interests, and factories are the great necessity so that a greater market may be created for the products of our farms. The farmer is a producer and must find a market to operate his lands successfully and be prosperous. The factory operator is a consumer and creates the home market necessary for cooperation between the two. This will be the one great builder of the state for we have the resources for many lines of manufacture. It is necessary that we go after the Power and the Factories. This is one of the great necessities of today and we will have them tomorrow.

W. W. LOCKARD

W. W. LOCKARD, Indianola, Miss.---Educator, Superintendent of Separate District School at Indianola. Mr. Lockard was born in Livingston, Ala., and educated in the schools of Meridian and at the University of Mississippi, receiving his A.B. degree in 1895 and his LL.B. degree in 1900; his college fraternities of which he is a member are Phi Delta Theta and Theta Nu Epsilon. After leaving school he taught at Yazoo City for four years when he was elected county superintendent of schools of Yazoo County, serving from 1899 to 1916, and was the city superintendent of schools two years after his time expired as county superintendent. Mr. Lockard has been the superintendent of the school of Indianola since 1921 and has through his strong executive ability and knowledge of school work made it one of the best schools in the state. It is now what is known as a separate district school and takes in a radius of twenty-five square miles. The school buildings are ideally located on the outskirts of the city and are fitted with modern apparatus used in school work. It is an accredited school on the All Southern List and has an enrollment of 450 students. Among the fraternal orders that Mr. Lockard is a member of is the Masons, W. O. W., and Elks.

MRS. PRESTON H. GAUGH, Meadville, Miss.---Editor of the Franklin County Advocate, Preston H. Gaugh, publisher, doing a general publishing, job printing and book-binding business. The newspaper of a city or town is the sure index to the progressiveness of that certain community. The newspaper is the mouthpiece for the whole people. If the local paper is prosperous and enjoying a good circulation and advertising patronage, it is a sure indication that the paper is appreciated and given the right kind of assistance that make it possible to do good. The Franklin County Advocate is such a paper, and its editor and business manager, Mrs. P. H. Gaugh, has made the "Advocate" one of the best and most readable of the country papers of the state. The plant is well fitted with typesetting machine and good presses and equipped to do about any class of job printing. Mrs. Gaugh was born in Pike county, where she attended the common schools of the city and later attended Whitworth College. She has lived in Meadville for the past thirteen years and has edited the "Advocate" for twelve years. She is an able writer and well knows "news value" in the publishing world. As an able business woman she has made a success of the paper, and is a most estimable lady, with many warm personal friends in all walks of the life of Franklin county.

MRS. PRESTON H. GAUGH

PROF. W. E. THOMPSON

PROF. W. E. THOMPSON, Meadville, Miss.---Prof. W. E. Thompson, who was born and reared in Attala county, Ethel, Mississippi, after completing the grammar school grades in the local school, entered the Kosciusko high school, where he completed the prescribed course of study and received a diploma. From the above institution, he entered Mississippi College, and pursued the course of study leading to the B.S. degree, which he received after completing his work in May, 1905. And after teaching at Hebron and McCool he entered the University of Mississippi to study law as well as to complete the course of study prescribed by that institution for the A.B. degree. Having completed two full sessions in the said institution, he received his degree in 1911. Immediately after graduating from the University, he was married to Miss Annie Lou Irish, who had received her education at Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi, and who, being a woman of unusual character and ability, has been a continuous inspiration and help to him. Having become thoroughly familiar with both the practice of law and teaching, Mr. Thompson decided that the latter offered a much larger field for service and therefore chose to devote his entire time to that profession. Since he and Mrs. Thompson have managed every class of school in their native state, few persons are better informed in school management and few have been more successful in developing the best element of school life. Mr. Thompson ranks among the leading school men in the matter of inspiring his students to more noble and useful service, and few men send out a greater percentage of graduates to pursue their education in higher institutions so that they may do a more noble work for their country. Under his management, the Agricultural High School of Attala county, McAdams, Mississippi, was established; the public school at Noxapater, Mississippi, was separated from the Winston County Agricultural High School and other conditions in that school were so prepared that it grew rapidly to be recognized as one of the leading institutions of the kind; and leaving that school to accept the management of the Franklin A. H. S., within a year and a half after taking charge of it, he has eliminated conditions that prevented a healthy growth and now has it firmly established in the confidence of the people of Franklin county. The attendance has greatly increased, the community life is healthy, and general indications are favorable to a continuous growth of his work there.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WEST POINT, West Point, Miss.---The oldest National Bank in Mississippi; Capital and Surplus $150,000; resources upwards of one million dollars. Arthur Dugan, president; T. M. Mosley, vice-president; P. B. Dugan, cashier; J. H. Ervin, assistant cashier; A. B. Cottrell, assistant cashier. In connection with this bank is operated the First Savings Bank, with T. M. Moseley, president; R. H. Chandler, vice-president; Pierce B. Dugan, secretary and treasurer. The combined deposits of these banks are nearly one and one-half million dollars and the combined resources are over one and three-quarters of a million. The men at the head of this strong financial institution are citizens of West Point and men who work for its advancement. The First National Bank has been active in development work, especially along dairying lines.

WEST POINT MANUFACTURING COMPANY, West Point, Miss.---This is one of the older and more substantial business interests of West Point, as it has been in successful operation for several years. The plant is a large one, covering a large portion of a city block and is fitted with the best of woodworking machinery in its several departments, where any millwork desired can be had, and any kind of building material from foundation to roof procured. The men at the head of the company are citizens of West Point who are progressive in character, working for the advancement of the community.

D. W. CATLIN, West Point, Miss.---Secretary and Treasurer and General Manager of the West Point Petroleum Company. This is one of the city's larger industries and is "The Home of Hi-Test Gasoline." The business was established a little over two years ago but has grown until today the company has a volume of $120,000 a year, operating five stations and supplying some fifty dealers, buying motor oil in tank car lots. Mr. Catlin is a member of the Mississippi Independent Oil Association, and one of the progressive citizens of West Point, helping in the development of that territory.

MARY HOLMES SEMINARY FOR COLORED GIRL STUDENTS, West Point, Miss.---Rev. Graham Campbell, president. This colored school for girls was originally established in Jackson, Miss., in 1892. In 1895 it was burned and in 1897 it was moved from Jackson to West Point, and opened for students in 1897. The value of the property is $141,000. The rates are such that they will please all. There are twenty teachers and workers employed. There are 112 rooms in the building. It is operated under the National Missions of the Presbyterian Church. The subcommittee is located in Pittsburgh, Pa., with Dr. J. M. Gaston as secretary. The school has an enrollment of 186 students.

MINISTERIAL INSTITUTE AND COLLEGE, West Point, Miss. (A Colored Institution.) John W. Spann, president for the past eleven years. The school gives a special course in domestic science and literary work. A great many of the students are given a chance to work their way through this school in ways provided by the management. During the past year there has been over two hundred students in attendance. The grades start at the kindergarden up to college work. There will be built this year a new building for the care of students over the sixth grade. The school owns a tract of land of 205 acres on which they are encouraging dairying, poultry and trucking.

TAKE A TRIP WITH US THROUGH MISSISSIPPI AND KNOW THE STATE BETTER

BEFORE starting on this trp into every part of the State we want to ask you two questions:

How well do YOU know Mississippi? Have YOU sold yourself to the State so that you can from actual knowledge sell it to others?

These are vital questions at this time when the psychology of Mississippi is one of advancement and the building of a bigger and better state, making it necessary that you "Know Mississippi" and its people. For these reasons we are asking you to take a trip with us and introduce you, one to the other, and see what we can find that will interest the people of the whole country. Introduce the good people of Mississippi to the outside world through these methods of first selling the state to ourselves and learning ourselves what Mississippi possesses in a material way. Of what the several communities possess that will interest all people to come and learn for themselves of the greatness of our possessions. It is only necessary that one know the state to realize its great opportunities and wealth.

A SATSUMA ORANGE GROVE

It is our intention to, and we will, visit every county in the State, each of the County sites and the leading commercial centers and communities. We will try and write the whole truth about what we find; we will talk with the people and get their ideas and views of matters; we will take pictures and by these show just what Mississippi possesses and what has been done along this progressive thought actually put into practice in the program of advancement. But with all this we still reserve the right to speak of things that will be done in the years to come, and also reserve the right to dream of the future and have visions of this great progressive movement that is taking place today and tomorrow. In fact it is our desire to make this book a true epitome of Mississippi and the energy and spirit of its people.

The Mississippi Gulf Coast

IT IS logical that we start this trip from the Mississippi Gulf Coast, where land and water meets, where is found an outlet and inlet for commerce to and from all parts of the world. It is here that great activity has been manifested during the past four years, an activity that has made the Mississippi Gulf Coast in fact the Riviera of America.

Where summer does not die in September, shrouded in autumn leaves. She just kisses the tips of her fingers to the poor dear North she's been visiting, and she skips South again to the Gulf of Mexico, where she was born. The Great Lakes can't follow her, nor rock-bound New England, nor the freezing Rockies standing black against a sullen sky, but the birds go South, and the flowers trip behind her, and the long steel heart-strings of the railroads and the automobile vibrate with the racing people. Can't you hear the song the cars are singing as they roar through the day and night? "Going South." "Going South." "Going South to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, the Riviera of America."

Why not accept the challenge and join the procession of birds and flowers, soft breezes and softer skies and happy humans who are scurrying away from the North to the beautiful Southland for their vacations, be it either winter or summer. It is not far—only a day or two, and in the winter time, before you realize it, springtime has come again, then summer—summer in all its fresh gladness, softly intriguing every sense. Beauty in the far-flung shore line with its winding concrete and shell roads, through shady aisles of moss-hung magnolia, maple and pine trees, in the sparkling turquoise, sun-warmed waters of the Gulf dotted with craft of every kind, and, in between, the endless beach with its faint creamy ripples on white sand; the perfume of flowers and the ocean-laden pine breezes; the rhythmic roll of the surf and the gentle laughing zephyrs; the genial early summer sun by day and the Southern star-lit sky by night—there's magic in it all, the magic of health and joy and comfort for body and soul—Paradise regained.

This has ever been a sought for, fought for land—even the primitive races of the stone age have left their marks upon it; here the once powerful Indian wielded his tomahawk and sang his death song, here the forests have resounded with the strife of Spain and France and England. But though races vanish and governments fall, through all the mutations of time, the Mississippi Gulf Coast—the Riviera of America, remains unchanged and bids you welcome to its languorous beauty and tranquil charm.

SECTION OF GULFPORT HARBOR

The American Riviera of the Mississippi Gulf Coast is a crescent white-beach, stretching from the Mississippi-Alabama line on the east to the Mississippi-Louisiana line on the west, some seventy miles in length, being the shore line of Jackson, Harrison and Hancock counties. During

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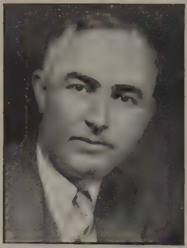
I. H. BASS

I. H. BASS, Lumberton, Miss.---Proprietor of the Bass Nurseries, the Largest Pecan Nursery in the World.---You have not seen all of Mississippi until you have visited Lumberton, the location of the Bass Nurseries, where six hundred acres of land is devoted to the production of nursery stock, specializing in pecan trees for which this section is noted for its valuable production. This nursery was established some twenty years ago by Mr. I. E. Bass, the father of the present proprietor, who has conducted it for the past eight years, and has built up this great industry by hard work and strict attention to business. Mr. I. H. Bass was reared at Lumberton, Lamar county, Mississippi, where he attended the common schools, also Mooney School at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and afterward graduated from Tulane University of New Orleans. Then after receiving a business education he went into the nursery business with his father, a business he has followed ever since with great success, until today he has over two million pecan trees in his nursery besides many other varieties of fruit trees among which is the Satsuma orange which has a valuable growth in South Mississippi. Mr. Bass is one of those progressive business men who believes in Mississippi's future greatness and he gives his active co-operation in all progressive work.

J. O. WILLIAMS, Lumberton, Miss.---Manager of the Lumberton Nurseries and Progressive Business Man.---The Lumberton Nurseries were established three years ago by Mr. Williams who has built up the business to large proportions and a high place in this particular line of endeavor. At present there are only thirty-five acres under cultivation of nursery stock but the company own five hundred acres which will be placed in operation in the near future. The principal nursery stock grown is the pecan tree, but several other varieties are produced and in time a general line will be placed on the market. The nursery is ideally located about one mile east of Lumberton on the road to Wiggins and the Mississippi Gulf Coast and embraces some of the best lands in Lamar county. Mr. Williams is a native of Mississippi, born in Newton county, where he received his early education in the public school, afterward attending and graduating from A. and M. College. He then came to Lumberton some six years ago and three years later established this business. He is a man of high ideas and progressive ambition and willing to do his share, and more, in the upbuilding of his home community, county and state. Mr. Williams is a member of the Masonic bodies and a citizen of integrity and worth.

J. O. WILLIAMS



ROBERT L. ANDERSON

ROBERT L. ANDERSON, Purvis, Miss.---Superintendent of the Lamar County Agricultural High School and numbered among the leading Educators of the State.---Prof. Anderson is a native Mississippian, born in the town of Dumas, Tippah county. He attended the public schools of his native county and graduated from the High school, afterward attending and graduating from Mississippi College. Believing that he could do the most good to his State he decided to take up the vocation of assisting in the education of the coming generation and in this he has been most successful during the past six years, three years of which has been spent at the head of the Agricultural High School of Lamar County. He is a veteran of the World War, and an active member of the American Legion. He is also a member of the Masonic bodies. The great good that Mr. Anderson has done in Lamar County is so highly appreciated that he has been retained at the head of this school another year. As an outstanding educator Prof. Anderson has no peer in the State. He is a gentleman with whom it is a pleasure to meet and a citizen of the highest standing, and a Mississippian that believes in his State. He is held in the highest esteem by his fellow men.

C. H. RUSSELL, JR., Lumberton, Miss.---President and Manager of the Lumberton Grocery Company, wholesale dealers in groceries and all kindred lines usually carried in establishments of this character conducted along modern lines. The plant is conveniently located near the Southern Railroad for shipping purposes and the business covers the territory within fifty miles of Lumberton. Mr. Russell came to Lumberton from New Orleans, his native home, six years ago when he established this business, and has become one of the leading citizens of the community, giving his assistance in progressive projects for the advancement of his home section. He takes an active interest in Chamber of Commerce work and served the Lumberton Chamber of Commerce for a considerable time as its president.

SAMUEL E. SLADE, Lumberton, Miss.---Merchant and Progressive Business Man and Citizen.---Mr. Slade is one of the pioneers of Lumberton and Lamar county, coming here in 1885 from Cataway, his native home, where he received his early education in the common schools. Mr. Slade helped to build the first house, first mill, and loaded the first car of lumber that was shipped from Lumberton. For twenty years he was the city marshal, and is now a member of the county Board of Supervisors. In the business world of his home community he operates a general store and is the proprietor of the Magnolia filling and service station. He has been one of the leading builders in the progressive town which Lumberton is today.

SAMUEL G. THIGPEN, Picayune, Miss.---Merchant and leading citizen.---Mr. Thigpen is the senior member of the mercantile firm of Thigpen & Whitfield, and one of the young business men of the city. He is a native of Pearl River County and takes a prominent position in matters that have a tendency for the betterment of his home community. Thigpen & Whitfield are among the leading business firms in Pearl River County, operating a large general hardware and implement store, carrying a large stock of goods in this line. Besides this business Mr. Thigpen is also an extensive dealer in real estate and promotion work.

MRS. L. MATSON, Poplarville, Miss.---Owning and operating Poplarville's Leading Bakery.---These are times when woman has shown her efficiency in the business world, and Mrs. Matson must be given credit for building up the large business which she owns and operates. The Poplarville Bakery was established three years ago and from a small beginning under the guiding hands of Mrs. Matson has grown to its present high position among the business interests of the city. The baking plant is modern in its fittings and has a capacity of turning out a large quantity of high-class bread and pastry that are marketed throughout this section. In the life of Poplarville, Mrs. Matson is popular and has many warm personal friends.

J. S. THIGPEN, Poplarville, Miss.---Operating Poplarville's most popular Cafe.---This business was established three years ago by Mr. Thigpen, who has built up a successful business and it is where the people of Poplarville go for their lunches. Being conveniently located next to the Poplarville Garage, it is fast becoming very popular with the tourists passing along the Jackson Highway. Mr. Thigpen is a native of Pearl River County and has spent the larger part of his life there. He believes in his home community and is active in its development. Mr. Thigpen is an active member of the local Masonic lodge.

F. A. ROWLS, Poplarville, Miss.---Member of the State Board of Tax Commissioners and active Business man.---In the life of Poplarville and Pearl River County for that matter, there is no more popular citizen than F. A. Rowls, who has lived in Poplarville all of his life, receiving his education in the schools of the city. He, with his father, operates one of the largest general stores in this section of the State. He is also president of Rowls Brothers, Inc., operating a chain of stores, and has been in the mercantile business for the past nine years. He takes an active part in state politics and is now serving on the tax commission board.

the past five years many improvements have been made in the building of seawalls, concrete roads and general beautification. Jackson county is just commencing the building of several miles of seawall. Harrison county has completed twenty-six miles of seawall costing in the neighborhood of three million dollars, and Hancock county has commenced several miles of wall; it is said that the wall in Harrison county is the longest in the world. The three counties have built many miles of hard-surfaced roads, a part of which has been the road of this character along the Old Spanish Trail running east and west through the three counties. The new bridge across the Bay of St. Louis has been completed and is two miles in length, ranking among the longest in the United States. The bridge across the Pascagoula river at Pascagoula has been finished, and the bridge across the Bay of Biloxi to Ocean Springs is under construction. These links in the Old Spanish Trail gives a paved road from Bay St. Louis on the west to Mobile, Ala., on the east.

SUGAR CANE AND SORGHUM

Jackson County

JACKSON county is devoted largely to fruit growing, specializing in the pecan nut to which its soil is well adapted. The Satsuma orange also thrives here and there are many orchards of this fruit. Trucking is also a staple business in the county and the future will bring considerable additional development along these lines. But the pecan is the staple crop and some of the largest orchards in the country are located here. Pascagoula is the principal marketing point, although Ocean Springs does a large business in this line.

There are four towns and cities in the county, Pascagoula being the largest, and is the county site. The other towns are Moss Point, which is located only five miles north of Pascagoula, the two towns being connected by a concrete road, and they are sometimes called the "Twin Cities." Ocean Springs is located in the western part of the county on the eastern shore of Biloxi Bay, and will be connected in the near future with a bridge from Ocean Springs to Biloxi, although at present the town is connected with both Biloxi and Pascagoula with a concrete road. Vancleave is in the interior northern part of the county but is considerable of a marketing and commercial center as it is surrounded by a large fruit growing, agricultural and dairying community.

The largest single interest in the county, now that several of the lumber mills have cut their timber off, is the Southern Paper Mills, which has recently been taken over by the International Paper Company. This mill manufactures kraft paper and is one of the largest and best equipped mills in the country.

B. L. Moss, of the Department of Agriculture of the United States, in his report on the lands of Jackson county, says:

"The land is admirably adapted to the production of all sorts of staple crops, as well as most of the fruits of the temperate and warm temperate zones. I firmly believe that for the production of very high yields of either corn or cotton, say two bales of cotton per acre of 100 or more bushels of corn per acre, this is the only type of soil upon which such results can be obtained." * * * "Because of the heavy clay subsoil, it stands a period of drought remarkably well."

"The good land coupled with good climate, good weather, thorough drainage, and the consequent good health conditions, that always accompany such conditions, certainly render it one of the most desirable sections of the whole South for progressive, wide-awake farmers, who are seeking a new location, and cheaper, and at the same time, probably more productive land." * * * "We find it possible here to produce a greater diversity of crops, ranging all the way from oats and corn of the extreme north, to the citrus fruit of Florida. In fact, experience has amply proven that corn, oats, and other small grain, that the average mind usually associates with the northern part of the United States, are grown here in a perfection that is seldom equalled anywhere in the United States." * * * "Recent results have actually shown that among the highest yields of corn per acre ever known in the world, has been raised on the pine lands of the South. These yields, ranging sometimes from 150 to 200 bushels per acre," etc.

The soil of Jackson county is also well adapted for growing sugar cane, highland rice, velvet beans, hay crops, all kinds of trucking; in fact about any crop planted and taken care of. This with the exceptional conditions for horticulture makes Jackson county ideal in which to live.

The soil of Jackson county, Mississippi, is a black to brown, sandy loam, underlaid with a clay subsoil.

The lower third of the county is level or gently undulating, while the central and northern portions may well be termed rolling land.

SATSUMA GROVE ON THE COAST

In the generally accepted meaning of the word, there is not a swamp in Jackson county. The "salt grass" which sometimes border the bayous and rivers, does not breed mosquitoes or develop disease.

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THOS. L. BETTERSWORTH

THOMAS L. BETTERSWORTH, Booneville, Miss.---Editor and Publisher of the "Booneville Banner," a leading weekly newspaper of Northeast Mississippi. Mr. Bettersworth has had an honorable career in the newspaper field of Mississippi, and is probably the oldest editor in actual and continuous service in the state. For fifty-seven years he has done journalistic work and is a successful publisher. He was born in Columbus, Miss., in 1857, where he attended school when a boy. At the age of fourteen he commenced service as an apprentice on the old Columbus "Democrat," long since suspended publication. Fifty-two years ago he moved to Booneville, and it is the story of his life that from learning the printing trade on an old Washington hand press to the modernly equipped office that he owns and operates today. "The Banner" is well printed and ably edited and stands well up toward the top of modern journalism. He was married to Miss Virginia A. Moore in Booneville in 1879, who died in August, 1924; she was a member of the Mississippi Press Association and during her lifetime attended the meetings of that organization of which Mr. Bettersworth has been a member since 1880, forty-eight years. Mrs. Bettersworth most materially assisted in the operating of the paper for forty-five years. There has never been a time when Mr. Bettersworth did not use his paper and personal influence for the development of the resources of Prentiss county and his home city of Booneville, for to boost is his "hobby," and as he is a worker he most always puts over what he undertakes. The writer knows Mr. Bettersworth as a man of honor and integrity and the highest type of citizenship.

W. A. HUFF, Booneville, Miss.---Editor and Publisher of the "Booneville Independent." The "Independent" was established four years ago and is fast finding a high position among the newspapers of Mississippi. Mr. Huff has one of the best-equipped printing plants in this section as everything was new when he started the paper. The best of modern machinery has been installed and the latest faces of popular type is in use, thus he is enabled to do good work in all of the many lines of job printing. Considering Mr. Huff came to Booneville a perfect stranger, a veteran of the World War, he has been most successful and his paper now has a circulation of over 3,500. He is a good booster for the community and has accomplished much through the columns of his valuable paper. In January 1928 he launched "Farm Profits," a monthly farm magazine of 16 pages which compares favorably with other leading farm papers now being published, and present indications point to a big success with this new publication also.

BOONVILLE DRUG COMPANY, Booneville, Miss.---Roy B. Barnette, owner and manager of the Booneville Drug Store. This business was established in 1905 and is considered the leading establishment of this character in the city. The drug store is one of the greatest necessities of a community and to be a successful business enterprise it must be operated along modern lines, carrying a complete stock of the thousand and one things usually carried in a store of this character. In all of this Mr. Barnette excels; he has been in active charge of the store for the past three years and has made this the place to meet downtown for the people of Booneville. He is progressive in his ideas and active in development work of this section.

THE BOONEVILLE BANKING COMPANY, Booneville, Miss.---J. W. Sanders, president. This banking institution holds a high place among the financial interests of Northeast Mississippi and was organized in 1906 and has gone forward with Prentiss County since that time. "Big enough to serve you; small enough to know you; strong enough to protect you," is the slogan of the bank. The bank has assisted in all movements for the better development of this section of the state and has made a well-marked place in the county for itself and its officials, who are all citizens of Prentiss County.

PHILLIPS-RINEHART-TAYLOR COMPANY, Booneville, Miss.---L. M. Phillips, president; J. J. Taylor, secretary and treasurer. This business, the largest in Booneville, was established in 1889 by Mr. Taylor, and the present company was formed and incorporated in 1906. A general line of merchandise is carried and the store is operated along the Department Store line, the several departments carrying ready-to-wear clothing for men, women and children; drygoods, groceries, fancy and staple. The company also operate a wholesale department, and the volume of trade enjoyed is a large one, extending to all parts of this section of the country. The men at the head of affairs are citizens of Booneville and active in the development of this community.

THRASHER HIGH SCHOOL, Thrasher, Miss.---B. A. Booth, Superintendent. This school was established in 1907 and has an enrollment of over one hundred and fifty students and six teachers in the faculty. It is located in one of the best farming sections of Mississippi where exceptional crops are raised. It is located on the line of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad and on a hard surface road which gives ready access to the school. The richness of this land is partly caused from the fact that it is bottom land which is considered the best for all kinds of crops. It is expected that this school will become a Smith-Hughes Agricultural High School within a short time. Mr. Booth, the superintendent, is an able educator and executive, and a progressive citizen.

W. H. Sutherland, M. D., F. A. C. S.
R. B. Cunningham, B. S., M. D.

SUTHERLAND CLINIC
Sutherland Building

BOONEVILLE, MISS.

JOHN A. LOWE, Corinth, Miss.---Mayor of Corinth, manager Lowe Cotton Company, Cotton Merchant, doing both a domestic and foreign business; also large plantation owner and operator. Mr. Lowe has lived in Corinth for the past eight years and is now serving the city for his second term as mayor. He is a business man who believes in doing things and since he has been mayor of Corinth has made many improvements, has put in twenty miles of pavement, installed a new water and light plant during the last four years, has built a new schoolhouse costing $150,000. These and other improvements have placed Corinth among the most progressive cities of the state, of which we speak further along in this work.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Corinth, Miss.---H. G. Peerey, Active Vice-President. The First National Bank of Corinth was established in 1908, and is a bank that takes an active part in matters that are for the upbuilding of its home community which it serves. It is liberal in its policy yet sufficiently conservative to conform with the rules of modern banking. Its deposits are well over the one million mark and its assets are very satisfactory. Its management is in the hands of progressive people and successful business men, men who have stood fairly back of development work in Alcorn county in the form of good roads and other civic improvements.

CORINTH BANK & TRUST COMPANY, Corinth, Miss.---J. L. Holley, President; E. S. Candler, Vice-President; F. F. Anderson, Active Vice-President; R. B. Moore, Cashier. The Corinth Bank & Trust Company is twenty-eight years old and has grown to be one of the foremost financial institutions in the state. The deposits are about two and a half million dollars and the capital, surplus and undivided profits nearly three hundred thousand. The men at the head of this strong institution are citizens of the highest integrity and worth to the community; they are men who want to see Corinth and its surrounding territory grow and are willing to lend their assistance to all development work. Mr. J. E. Gift, the former president of the bank, recently donated a teachers' home to the Gift Consolidated School in the western part of Alcorn county.

CORINTH MACHINERY COMPANY, Corinth, Miss.---H. E .Rey, president; Paul T. Jones, vice-president; J. C. Jones, secretary and treasurer. This is one of the largest manufacturing interests in Corinth as well as one of the largest in northeast Mississippi. It was established in 1911 in a comparatively small way, but has grown in its scope of business to its present high place among the manufacturing interests of the state. The company manufacture complete sawmills, engines and boilers, and mill supplies, these being the chief products turned out by the company. The men at the head of this large enterprise are progressive citizens who believe in the development of the resources of the territory and have used their influence in work of this character along all lines.

MORRISON-RINEHART GROCERY COMPANY, Corinth, Miss.
C. N. Morrison, treasurer and manager. Through the enterprise of some of the business men of Corinth, the city has become a large distributing point for commodities that go to the smaller community in that trade territory. A leader, and perhaps the largest, is the establishment operated by the Morrison-Rinehart Grocery Company, dealing at wholesale in groceries and produce and all kindred lines that usually go with a modern establishment of this character. The business was established some twenty years ago and from the first has held a prominent place among the mercantile houses of northeast Mississippi.

HODGES BROTHERS

GOOD LUMBER
FOR GOOD HOMES

BOONEVILLE, MISS.

We have far less flies, mosquitoes or snakes than most any other agricultural portion of the United States.

It is only in the last few years that these choice lands could be procured for agriculture and horticulture, as they were owned by the "big mill men" who knew their value only by the number of feet of lumber it would cut per acre.

And so, while the millions have poured into California; deserts irrigated, farms laid out in heaps of sand or stone; the "Golden West" painted in alluring colors and its man-made farming virtues sung in song and story and Florida was being exploited as the playground of a Nation; railroads made to span long stretches of marsh and water, Everglades drained and the country made the Mecca of winter tourists, the Mississippi Gulf Coast pursued the even tenor of her way, while here and there an enterprising settler tickled her soil and it laughed him a bounteous crop.

VIEW OF PASCAGOULA HARBOR

But now:—

Like the fabled bird of the Arabian Desert, she has arisen from the ashes of the past and her broad wings of industry and publicity are populating her soil by the most enterprising people from every state in the Union.

The most vital element in farming, not second to the soil itself, is the climate. Nine-tenths of those engaged in "Northern farming" must always be content with "wringing a living" from the soil. Not because the soil itself is unable to abundantly bear crops, but because they are farming in a "one crop climate" and all efforts toward increasing the number of crops per acre are more or less circumscribed by the limitations of temperature and rainfall.

Jackson county, on the Gulf coast, needs no irrigation. The rainfall is nearly equally distributed throughout the year and every season nearly perfect for the maturing and harvesting of crops.

PASCAGOULA—The capital of Jackson county, is ideally situated at the mouth of the Pascagoula river and is connected with Mobile on the east with a concrete road, on the west with Ocean Springs, Biloxi, Gulfport, Pass Christian, and Bay St. Louis; in fact leading east and west from Pascagoula there is a concrete road for over one hundred miles, with no ferries, as bridges have been finished all the way from Bay St. Louis to Mobile, Ala. Thus the city is ideal and that combined with one of the best and most progressive citizenship makes it a good place to consider with those that are seeking a home.

But this is not all.

Imagine a modern city, with paved streets, electric lights, sewer system and the purest of pure drinking water, located overlooking the beautiful Mississippi Sound and bordered by rivers from whose crystal depths the gamest of fish leap in the golden sunlight, while in the salt waters of the Sound and bayous, in which the tide ever ebbs and flows, abound oysters, shrimp and countless species of salt water fish, with the never failing attractions for sea bathing, motoring and yachting, while back from the coast, where numerous farm homes nestle in the midst of the green and gold of ripening crops and fruits, the "Bob White," pigeon, dove and turkey, call to their mate; and the deer, rabbit, 'coon and 'possum flee from the bay of the hound; and in the rivers and bays, great droves of ducks and other water fowl match their instinct against the intelligence of man. All affording a paradise for the nimrod or angler.

The miles of concrete, oyster-shell and graded public highways in Jackson County afford ready access to all parts of the county, while the Louisville & Nashville Railroad and the Alabama & Mississippi Railroad gives transportation, 24 hours to Indianapolis; 28 hours to Chicago; 36 hours to New York, which together with direct "water routes" to all markets of the world, gives Pascagoula and Jackson County opportunities and advantages from every standpoint, which are unsurpassed.

It was around such natural harbors and government expenditures, that the great cities of the world have been built. And now in the hour of America's full awakening to her naval necessities, what must be the future for the "Port of Pascagoula" and her surrounding territory?

At a distance from the coast, varying from five to eight miles, a belt of islands forms a protective bulwark, against the occasional storms that may prevail on the Gulf, making the body of water between the islands and the main land a sort of inland lake, elliptical in shape and rarely disturbed beyond the gentle undulations caused by the tide and ever present sea breezes.

Between these islands (Horn and Petit-Bois) off the coast of Jackson county, Mississippi, is what is termed "The Pass," through which enter the ocean going vessels, headed for the great land-locked harbor, "Port of Pascagoula," which is formed by the clear pure waters of the Pascagoula and Escatawpa Rivers, which extend back into the interior, navigable for River Boats for over 150 miles, North-East and North-West.

This inland locked harbor has over 33 miles of available water front for wharfage and manufacturing sites and anchorage enough for the entire merchant marine and navy of the United States at one time.

The United States has already spent over $2,000,000.00 in the improvement of this natural harbor, with every promise of additional expenditures as necessity may demand. Because Pascagoula harbor has a tenacious clay bottom where any improvements will remain permanent for ages and is the logical point for the location of the United States naval station on the Gulf Coast, it being the shortest sailing route to the Panama Canal; the easiest fortified and maintained. And such is the report of all United States government engineers who have been sent to investigate.

VIEW OF PASCAGOULA RIVER

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CAPTAIN J. W. KENNEDY

CAPTAIN J. W. KENNEDY, Port Gibson, Miss.---President and Executive of the Chamberlain-Hunt Academy, an educator who has stood the test and has achieved the highest standard of efficiency in his work. Captain Kennedy is a native Mississippian, born at Wier, Miss., receiving his education in the schools of that town and at Southwestern Presbyterian University, at Clarksville, Tenn. He was the instructor of French Camp Academy, French Camp, Miss., for three years; Wentworth Military Academy, Lexington, Mo., one year; commissioned First Lieutenant of Infantry, Leon Springs Training Camp, Leon Springs, Texas, 1917; instructor in Officers' Training Camp; one year overseas with 89th and 7th Divisions; took part in Toul defensive; St. Mihiel and Argonne offensive; graduate Tactical School, Chatillon-sur-Seine, 1919, promoted to Captain of Infantry, 1919. He has been at the Chamberlain-Hunt Academy for nine years, for a time before the World War, but being a reserve officer was called to the colors when war was declared. Captain Kennedy is a man of the highest citizenship, a gentleman with whom it is a pleasure to meet, and well fitted to hold the position that he does at the head of this great institution of which we speak at length in another section of this work. He is prominent in fraternal circles as a member of the Masons, K. of P., and the school fraternity of Pi Kappa Alpha.

JOSEPH DAVENPORT, Port Gibson, Miss.---County Tax Assessor and Proprietor of the Jarratt Hotel, that has for years been the leading hotel of the city. Mr. Davenport has for years been active in the civic and business life of Port Gibson and Claiborne county, where he has lived all of his life, receiving his education in the schools of the county. Since 1905 he has resided in Port Gibson, and has served Claiborne county in several offices of trust. From 1916 to 1920 he was the sheriff of the county, and had served for four years previous to that as deputy sheriff, and was also deputy sheriff from 1920 to 1924. He is now serving the county as its tax assessor. From his early manhood Mr. Davenport has been active and pirogressive and as a good citizen of the city and town should be, he has advocated all those measures that were for the betterment of Port Gibson and its surrounding community. In the fraternal life of the city he is a prominent Mason, and a member of the K. of P. and the W. O. W. On the 1st of November he bought and took over the management of the Jarratt Hotel, and is making a success in its operation. He is a good "mixer" and of that disposition that makes friends. The hotel is well furnished and of sufficient size to take care of the large patronage that comes to it. Mr. Davenport will make an ideal landlord. In the conduct of the hotel he is assisted by his wife, a most estimable lady.

JOSEPH DAVENPORT

JOSEPH DALE

JOSEPH DALE, Monticello, Miss.---Editor and Publisher of the Lawrence County Press, and operating a modern and complete Job Printing Plant. The newspaper of a city or town is supposed to be, and ordinarily is the leading factor in the upbuilding of the community in which it circulates, it is the one thing that carries the news from one to another. In this work the Lawrence County Press has been successful, for the reason that its editor and publisher is a live-wire gentleman, for Mr. Dale is an able writer and his sayings are often quoted in the papers of the state. He was born in Monticello and has been in the publishing business since 1881, 39 years of which has been as editor and publisher of the Lawrence County Press. July 1, 1888, he established the Press at Monticello and was at that time the youngest editor in the state; now one of the oldest in continuous service. He attended the schools of Monticello, but his real education was gained in the printing office where he went to work when a small boy. In the civic activities of his home town and community he takes a prominent place and is active in all plans for the advancement of the community. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, an Odd Fellow, K. of P., and W. O. W., and a member of the Mississippi Press Association and the National Press Association, and at one time served as vice-president of the Mississippi Press Association. He also established the Marion County Progress at Columbia in 1909, which paper he personally conducted for nearly a year.

PORT GIBSON REVEILLE, Port Gibson, Miss.---H. H. Crisler, Editor and Publisher. H. H. Crisler is one of the oldest editors in point of continuous service in the state, and for forty-two years has been in the printing and publishing business. He is an able writer and fearless in his editorial work and the "Reveille" is one of the county papers of the state that carry a really up-to-the-minute editorial page, and its articles, from the pen of Mr. Crisler, are convincing in their character. The plant is modernly fitted with the latest model linotype and an abundance of type which enables the office to turn out first-class job printing. Mr. Crisler is ably assisted in the operation of the plant and the publishing of the paper by his son, H. H. Crisler, Jr., one of the popular young men of the city, a good printer and able writer, a true son of his "Dad."

DR. T. O. DOUGLAS, Eupora, Miss.--Owner and manager of the T. O. Douglas Rexall Drug Store. Among the business and professional men of Eupora is that sterling gentleman Dr. T. O. Douglas who has been a practicing physician of Eupora for several years. In 1900 Dr. Douglas opened his drug store and has catered successfully to the public for the past twenty-eight years. In his store is found a complete line of drugs and preparatory medicines, also a modern fountain has been installed where can be secured at all times the best soft drinks and ice cream, in fact everything usually carried in an up-to-date store of this character. Dr. Douglas has at all times associated himself with all organizations working for the betterment of the community and through his work many improvements have been made.

TAYLOR BROTHERS, Eupora, Miss.---Extensive dealers in Hardware, and Yellow Pine Lumber. W. G. Taylor and T. F. Taylor constituting the above named firm. This business was established in 1898 and for thirty years has been a leader in this section in their line of trade which takes in a large territory going far afield from Eupora and Webster County. The store is a large one that would do credit to a much larger community and the stock carried includes everything in hardware and all kindred lines, building materials and lumber being one of the leading interests. In their home community the Messrs. Taylor take a special and active part in assisting in the advancement of that section, and during the thirty years of their active business life they have been instrumental in many improvements to the town and the county.

O. C. LEIGH, Eupora, Miss.---Assistant Cashier of the Bank of Eupora, a branch of the Bank of Grenada of which that sterling financier and progressive gentleman, J. T. Thomas, is the president. In the activities of Eupora no man takes a stronger part than Mr. Leigh for the betterment of the community. He is the president of the local Exchange Club, which is practically doing the work of a Chamber of Commerce. He is the president of the Merchants and Farmers Bank, and has particularly indentified himself with the promotion of dairying in this section and has helped the boys and girls of the local 4-H Clubs. Much credit must be given to Mr. Leigh for the constructive work that he has done and is doing for Eupora and Webster County.

REV. JASPER WEBER, Ph. B, Mathiston, Miss.---President of Bennett Academy, and instructor in Bible History. Bennett Academy was established in 1885 and the faculty is composed of practical workers twenty in number. The average enrollment is about two hundred. The Academy is under the management of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is strictly a religious school. While every influence is used to emphasize the importance of Christian living; no denominational or sectarian influence will be exerted in any way upon the student. The school was established for the purpose of making it possible for poor boys and girls who have to work their way through school. Rev. Weber is a graduate of Simpson College, and is a student at Peabody College. He is an educated gentleman and well fitted for the position he holds as educator.

Here the **United States Government** located the **"Coast Marine Railway," "Dry Docks"** and **"Government Marine Repair Station,"** which has already proven the most economically efficient of any plant of its character in the United States.

Here, under **Government Supervision,** has been laid out and constructed, **two large Municipally maintained Terminals or Wharves,** with railroad connecteions, where **all vessels** may discharge and receive cargoes **absolutely free of charge.**

Here, with Federal Aid and under supervision of the Government, has **already been built a concrete public highway** paralleling seven miles of the east bank of the river and connecting the separate municipalities of Pascagoula, Moss Point and Escatawpa, which have a combined population of upward of 15,000 inhabitants.

VIEW ON PASCAGOULA RIVER

Pascagoula is operated under the commission form of government with Hon. John Watts as mayor, a man who works for the good of his home community and a man of worth and the highest citizenship. He with his associates are at all times on the look-out for these matters and things that will advance the interests of the community.

The city is modern in its construction, the business houses are representative in their special lines of trade. The manufacturing interests are, although not as numerous as they should be, of a character that fully produce what they are operated for and headed by strong business men.

Pascagoula is the home of one of the very best weekly papers in the state, edited and managed by that sterling gentleman Hon. Arthur V. Smith, a man who believes in the future of his home community and works for its upbuilding both personally and through his paper the "Chronicle-Star.

MOSS POINT--Is located at the junction of the Pascagoula and Escatawpa rivers which form a natural harbor having the same advantages as the shore line further south and at Pascagoula. It is located on a concrete road, making it but a few minutes drive to Pascagoula six miles south. In fact it is so closely connected with Pascagoula that they are often spoken of as the "Twin Cities." Between the two towns there is the best of co-operation for what is good for one is good for the other.

There are two banks located at Moss Point with large resources as both are connected with the two banks at Pascagoula. The mercantile houses are of the highest character and the citizenship of the city are of the class that welcomes the stranger when he comes to visit them. A short distance east of Moss Point is located the large plant of the Southern Paper Company that gives employment to a large force of men and who to a large extent live in Moss Point. The surrounding territory is devoted to farming, trucking and fruit raising. The new bridge across the Escatawpa River opens up a large territory north of the city that must enlarge the city as a marketing center.

OCEAN SPRINGS—Mrs. Theodore Bechtel, who has lived at Ocean Springs for several years, has written us a story of that progressive community that we take pleasure in producing:

The Past—Some fifty or sixty years ago a few strangers from other sections seeking health, a warmer climate, or possibly opportunities for working out some plan for the growing of their special hobby under more favorable conditions, found a beautifully located little hamlet in a quiet nook between the Bayou and the out-lying islands in Mississippi Sound, where the sunny days were like those on the peaceful shores of Italy, or Palestine, and the fisher folk lived happily in their little homes, or on their beloved sloops or cat-boats, lazily basking in the brightness of the blue sky overhead and the blue-green waters underneath, awaiting the hour to draw in their nets. A merchant or two held sway in the general stores of early days. The principal excitement of the day was meeting the two or three daily trains or waiting in the dingy old Post Office for a half hour, gossiping with a neighbor, until distribution of the mail and the Weekly Paper was completed.

In the summer time wants were few, sea food plentiful, sweet potatoes, collards and a little garden of other favorite vegetables easily secured, with a single side of bacon and some cane syrup from up the country, proved sufficient for the family needs. Shoes and stockings were unnecessary most of the year, why bother? Winters were short, neighbors were kind to each other, wood was free for the hauling, why worry? The children of the well-to-do were sent to New Orleans or Mobile for their education and many were the happy gatherings at Christmas Holidays and week ends when they came home bringing their school mates for house parties and frolics.

The Present—Gradually the little leaven introduced by these outside influences began to take effect in the lives of the more prosperous families. Observation is wont to create a desire for like possession. The more primitive method of living have taken on the newer. The demands of children and grandchildren have enlarged, the luxuries have become necessities and the super-luxuries at last are obtainable. The hamlet became a village, the little "Friendship Village" has become a town, with several flourishing stores, banks, churches, high school, a town paper, men's clubs, a thriving womans' club, a community house, restaurants, and is a resort center for the New Orleans and inland patrons in summer, while in the winter season tourists flock in from many sections of the East, middle West, Western interior states and extreme North.

RESIDENCE AT GULF HILLS

Much is written and heard of the extensive trucking in the out-lying districts, acres of cabbage, turnips,

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E. P. RONALD & SON, Philadelphia, Miss.---Prominent among the business interests of Philadelphia that has found a high position in its mercantile establishments is the general or Department Store operated by E. P. Donald & Son, dealers in dry goods and kindred lines, groceries and general supplies. This business house has stood the test of time and grown firmer with the people of Philadelphia each year, for "Service" and "Satisfaction" has been the motto of the house. It was established twenty years ago about the time that the G. M. & N. railroad built its lines through that section of the state. The members of the firm are men of ability and highly esteemed citizens, with many friends in all parts of the community.

HENDERSON-MOLPUS COMPANY, Philadelphia, Miss.---R. H. Molpus, secretary, treasurer and general manager. This company operates a large mercantile establishment under the order of the Department Store, one here and one at Sebastapol, doing over one-half million dollars in business each year. This business was established twenty-two years ago when the G. M. & N. railroad was built through Neshoba county. The larger interest controlled by this company as its saw and planing mills which have a capacity of 100,000 feet of lumber daily. These mills are fitted with the best and most modern machinery and give employment to a large number of operators. The company also are extensive dealers in building material. Mr. Molpus is a man of large affairs and a leading citizen who is interested in the upbuilding of the community in which he lives and does business.

HOTEL BENWALT, Philadelphia, Miss.---Owned and operated by the Howell Construction Company, who built the hotel to take the place of the one that stood on the same site and burned some three years ago. There are fifty-seven large, light and airy sleeping rooms, thirty-two of which have bath. The hotel is operated on the European plan and has a modernly fitted and conducted cafe in connection. The building is fireproof and two stories high, with two stores, pressing shop and sample room on the ground floor besides the lobby. For the accommodation of motorists there is an inclosure for cars. The Howell Construction Company of which Mr. D. L. Howell is the president, is one of the leading concerns of this character in this section and Mr. Howell is a progressive man who looks with pleasure on future prospects for this part of the state.

SEWARD'S DEPARTMENT STORE, Philadelphia, Miss.---M. F. Seward & Son, Proprietors; O. A. Seward, Manager.---This is a modern department store where one can find all that is wanted under one roof. One company handling a complete stock of dry goods and notions, shoes, clothing and furnishings. They are also extensive buyers of country produce, where the farmer can find a ready market for his products. Mr. Otto A. Seward is a member of the school board, and it has been during this membership that the new $75,000 schoolhouse has been built and equipped, one of the finest school buildings in that part of the state. Mr. Seward believes in improvements and is a progressive citizen.

THE CITIZENS BANK OF PHILADELPHIA, Philadelphia, Miss. A Bank of Friendly Service, conservative as required by modern methods, yet the bank is liberal with its patrons. Its capital stock is $60,000, surplus and profits nearly $50,000, deposits nearly one million, with resources of nearly one million and one hundred thousand dollars. The officers of the bank are men of the highest integrity and men of large affairs. The president is G. W. Mars; vice-president, R. H. Molpus, and Thos. A. Webb is the vice-president and cashier; W. M. Prince, assistant cashier, all men who are interested in the future growth of Philadelphia and assist in the community's progress.

E. B. COONER, Calhoun City, Miss.---Owner and operator of the Cooner Hardware Store. Mr. Cooner was born in Calhoun City and has lived here all of his life, being educated in the schools of that city. Four years ago he started this business in which he has been very successful. He is an able and progressive business man and one of the good boosters of the community. He is the secretary of the Calhoun County Fair Association, that holds each year one of the very best county fairs in the state. Mr. Cooner is an advocate of good roads and materially assisted in securing good roads for the county; he also gave valuable assistance in the building of the new schoolhouse, one of the best in this section. Being a member of the board of aldermen he is active in that body for improvement work; he is also a member of the Exchange Club, a strong working organization for the upbuilding of the city and community.

TURNER HARDWARE & FURNITURE COMPANY, Philadelphia,, Miss.---A. P., E. Y. and J. K. Turner, proprietors, operating a modernly fitted store of this character, carrying a full line of hardware, furniture, house furnishing goods and building material. This line is one of the largest business interests of Philadelphia and one of the largest in its line in the state. The original inception of this business dates back to 1904 before the G. M. & N. railroad was built through the town. The firm has furnished nearly every consolidated school in the county and many further afield. Their builders' supply department is complete in its stock; here everything to build the building and furnish it throughout can be found, thus the company can build the home and fit it ready to move into. The Messrs. Turner are of the highest type of citizens and progressive business men.

CALHOUN COUNTY BANK, Calhoun City, Miss.---J. M. Chrestman, cashier, and assistant cashier of the Grenada Bank of which this bank is a branch. For over twenty years Mr. Chrestman has been in the banking business and considered an able financier. The present deposits of the bank is nearly $400,000 and is capitalized at $20,000. It is a county depository and a bank that is liberal in its policy, but conservative as is demanded in modern banking. Mr. Chrestman is active in all circles of the life of Calhoun County and being of a progressive nature gives his assistance where needed in its progressive work of building good roads and increasing its educational advantages.

A. L. METZ, Calhoun City, Miss.---Proprietor of the Dixie Bargain House, one of the representative business houses of Calhoun City, handling dry goods and notions, ladies' ready-to-wear, shoes, and a general line of men's clothing and furnishings. Mr. Metz established this business enterprise five years ago in a small way but under his active business management it has grown to its present high position in the mercantile houses of that section. Mr. Metz is a man possessed with that progressive spirit that goes out and gets things; in the good roads improvement that has taken place during the past few years he has worked faithfully for them as well as other improvements, among which is the new school building.

A. T. PATTERSON, Calhoun City, Miss.---Attorney at Law and a leading progressive citizen, who believes in his home community and has worked for its upbuilding. Mr. Patterson has lived in Calhoun City all his life and has practiced his profession here for the past sixteen years. He has served on the board of aldermen of the city, and while holding that position several projects of merit were consummated. He worked for the bond issue that made good roads for the county possible and gave the city better school facilities. He is an able attorney and his years of experience in court work has gained for him a high position among the members of the bar of the state.

J. B. WHITE, Poplarville, Miss.---A man prominent in the life of his own city, operating a modernly equipped garage and service station.---In no line of trade is there keener competition than that of the service station, and one that is successful must be prepared to give the best "Service" to the automobile owners, both the tourist and the home people. That Mr. White has done this is the paramount reason of his success. He is a native of Pearl River County, receiving his education in the schools of the county. He established this business in 1909. Mr. White is a 32nd degree Mason and an active member of the local Rotary Club.

C. McDONALD, Picayune, Miss.---Banker and Merchant.---For ten years Mr. McDonald has held a prominent position in the business interests of Picayune and Pearl River County. In the mercantile business he has conducted the leading furniture establishment, and is the active vice-president of the Pearl River County Bank. He is a native of Mississippi and received his education in the schools of the State. Since he located in Picayune he has taken a strong personal part in the upbuilding of his home community, firmly believing that there is a great future for this section of the State.

S. SEIDLER, Poplarville, Miss.---Leading Merchant and Progressive Citizen.---A leading mercantile establishment of Poplarville that has attained a high position among the people of that community is the Dry Goods and Ready-to-Wear Clothing for Men and Women operated by S. Seidler. This business was established ten years ago by the present proprietor and has become justly popular among the people desiring fashionable goods. Mr. Seidler is one of those good citizens who believe in their home community and helps in its development.

MOSELEY INSURANCE AGENCY, West Point, Miss.---Operating a general underwriters insurance agency, representing several of the strongest and best companies in life, fire, liability and bonding, in the country. This business was established in 1902 and for twenty-six years has been in constant service to the people of this community. The men at the head of the agency are life-long residents of West Point and Clay county and men who are highly esteemed for their progressiveness and citizenship.

H. R. SIMPSON, Fulton, Miss.---Superintendent of the Department of Public Schools of Itawamba County for four years and a candidate for the house of representatives from Itawamba county at the election last fall. For fifteen years Mr. Simpson has been in educational work and is an educated gentleman and an able executive. The schools of Itawamba county are on a high plane of efficiency there being an agricultural high school in the county and one Smith-Hughes school. The agricultural school has grown during the past five years from an enrollment of one hundred to four hundred. The establishment of consolidated schools are well on the way and the county will be well organized in this class of schools within a few years. Mr. Simpson is a valuable addition to the lawmakers of the state.

carrots, and all other health building vegetables, dear to the heart and palate of every citizen away from his old home town. Industries have developed and enlarged. For years the ice plant, canning factories and mercantile houses have carried on a thriving business. In the Coast counties, conditions being different the people did not proclaim that "Cotton is King" as in the interior counties, where laborers are easily secured and numerous.

A TEN-YEAR-OLD PECAN GROVE

A few pecan trees were found in almost every door yard and it was a common saying among the neighbors: "We gathered mighty nigh enough nuts to pay all our taxes this year on the home place. The hogs got all those on our place up the country."

Today in driving along the highway for many miles the stranger gazes in amazement at orchard after orchard of beautiful grafted pecan trees, casting a grateful shade in the sunny days of midsummer and in the fall and early winter dropping a harvest of wonderful choice fruit, nut brown nuggets in reality, into the waiting hampers and sacks of the happy owners. It is not unusual to gaze down a vista of half or three quarters of a mile of bearing trees, to watch the careful threshing of the limbs by able bodied men, while women and children gather from the ground, and teams and men are busied carrying to the storage houses, where curing, machine grading, sorting and packing are carried on daily, and thousands of pounds of choice varieties are stored in new sacks, labelled and ready for shipment as fast as they can be handled for the freight and express companies. It is now proclaimed in Jackson County that "Pecan is King" and the answer is chanted through the swaying tree tops, "Long Live the King."

The Future—And now have come whispering along the quiet, oak shaded streets of the old town, of new and wonderful progress, automobiles containing strangers are seen moving through and about the town; properties are examined; old buildings are torn down; new buildings spring up everywhere, old homes are freshened up with a coat of paint; a general activity permeates every street corner and office building. There is a new school building; several new sub-divisions are well under way, roads laid out and lots sold; beautiful Gulf Hills across the Bayou has materialized and is attracting nation wide attention. People from all the states have turned their faces toward the Mississippi Gulf Coast—we must build to suit their needs. Visitors are seen by real estate dealers; they are putting foundations under them and bringing them into realities. Architects are planning marvellous hotels, winter homes and amusement offerings along the Coast. Landscape gardeners are planning and dreaming and accomplishing amazing results.

Nature has done as much, or more, for Ocean Springs than for other sections. Hard work and faith in final success have done much to bring about what has already been accomplished for the progress of the community in the past twenty-five years. There is no reason why the visions of great men should not be made evident when placed on a firm foundation by keeping in line with well known laws. Rotten timbers never last long. Can anyone truthfully say we have not the right to expect that within the next few years a well planned, well built city will stand forth in all its beauty and glory where now are only "the small beginnings," remembering that one great American poet said of them—"Oh, Ye are great and strong; Ye build the future fair."

The clinging charm of quaint and quiet old Ocean Springs has vanished forever into the past, but clear in mind's eye stands a modern finished product, glorious in its perfection and classic beauty, architecturally ravishing; the landscape artistry adding to and making use of the unsurpassed natural beauties, have created a picture which, when made material, will be pre-eminent in America and equal to many of the time-honored views resulting from our forefathers' efforts in the so-called "foreign lands" but which are in reality the homes of those noblemen from whom all Americans who belong to the Caucasian race originated.

The picture seems a symbol of the flowering of the youth of our country, brought about by the working together of the strong men and women in our midst for one great end, to demolish the factionalism that has hide-bound every effort of progress, to weld together the principals of altruism and brotherly love with a determination to work together to bring about the consummation of the vision, which has been God given, and which can and must be made secure through faith in ourselves, in each other and in the Law of Progression.

VANCLEAVE—Is a trading center for a rich agricultural and fruit growing section, and is located geographically almost in the center of Jackson County. There are several large mercantile interests located there a large consolidated school is another feature. In the surrounding section there are located several large pecan orchards and the Satsuma orange is grown quite extensively. Good roads lead in all directions which makes it easy to connect with the railroad.

DON'T THEY LOOK GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT ?

There are great opportunities awaiting those that are looking for a good place to live.

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THEODORE BECHTEL

THEODORE BECHTEL, Ocean Springs, Miss.---Horticulturist and Pecan Specialist. Proprietor of the Bechtel Pecan Nurseries and Orchards. Mr. Bechtel is a native of Illinois where he received his early education, but his real education was received in the practical school of horticulture. Twenty-eight years ago he came to Ocean Springs. He learned to graft and bud trees at eight years of age from his father, Ernst August Bechtel, who had been instructed in horticulture in Germany. Mr. Bechtel was associated with his father for several years in the nursery business, operating the Bechtel Nurseries at Staunton, Ill. In 1899 he sold out his interests and came to the Mississippi Gulf Coast to specialize in pecan culture. His continued success and rise to the position of a recognized authority in the pecan industry is a natural result of the hard work, study, and careful attention to horticultural interests, combined with the thorough training of a lifetime's experience. When in the nursery business in Illinois he introduced the "Bechtel Double Flowering Crab," which took its place at the top of the list as the finest sweet-scented hardy-flowering tree in the United States. Mr. Bechtel is well known as the introducer of the "Success" pecan which has become one of the most popular of the leading varieties. Besides supervising his orchards, which have the established reputation of being the most productive orchards in its class, he also operates a large pecan and citrus fruit nursery, also acting as consulting horticulturist in the management of other pecan orchards. The good work he is accomplishing is recognized by the Horticultural Board of Mississippi, by A. and M. College, as well as the Agricultural Department at Washington, D. C. Possessing a broad, liberal mentality, with a strong personality, Mr. Bechtel commands the admiration and respect of an extensive acquaintance and the warm friendship of many personal friends throughout the entire coast section. In the civic and fraternal life of Ocean Springs he is active, has served six years on the Board of Aldermen and is a member of the local Rotary Club.

H. C. SEAWRIGHT, Ackerman, Miss.---Editor and publisher of the Choctaw Plaindealer, and a citizen that never misses an opportunity through his paper or through his personal efforts to assist in those matters that are for the advancement and development of his home community. Mr. Seawright was born in Choctaw county, and has resided in Ackerman for the past thirty-three years, receiving his education in the schools of the county and graduated from the Ackerman High School. He entered the field of journalism in 1904 and is an all-around practical printer, which has had much to do with his success in the conducting of his paper, making the "Plaindealer" one of the leading papers of that section of the state. The writer has known Mr. Seawright for several years and knows him to be a progressive citizen, one who is highly esteemed by his many friends in all walks of life in his home community. He takes an advanced interest in the life of Choctaw county, has served as the chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of the county. Is a member of the local lodge of the K. of P., and other fraternal orders, and is an officer in the Methodist Church. He is married and a gentleman of the highest type of citizenship.

H. C. SEAWRIGHT

C. H. CARNELL, Ackerman, Miss.---Owner and operating the Gem Theatre and the Carnell Bus and Transfer business. Mr. Carnell is one of the aldermen of Ackerman and it is his good work in this office that assisted in better streets and better roads in and around Ackerman, running in all directions from the city. The Gem Theatre is a credit to the town and the best moving picture films are shown. His bus line to the trains are of great accommodation to the traveling public as he meets all trains. Mr. Carnell is now serving his second term as a member of the board of aldermen and being a firm believer in the betterment of his home city, he works for its advancement and progress.

J. BLAIN, Ackerman, Miss.---Manager of the Ackerman Creamery, Inc. The Ackerman Creamery was established several years ago, but has been under the management of Mr. Blain for the past three years, who has built it up so that it takes its place among the creameries of the state. The creamery pays the market price for butter fat and pays out something like $60,000.00 annually which gives the farmers with small dairies a nice pay check each week. The principle products manufactured are butter and ice cream, which have attained a high place wherever marketed. This creamery has been the means of many small farmer putting in a dairy thus has been instrumental in the advancement of the dairy interests in this section. Mr. Bain is an expert butter and ice cream maker and a progressive business man.

R. B. FULCHER, Ackerman, Miss.---Cashier of the Bank of Ackerman, a branch of the Grenada Bank, of which J. T. Thomas is the president. This bank was organized in September 1899, and has been one of the principal elements that has been instrumental in the advancing of the dairying business of this section, the bank has been liberal in this work and has brought about success in its endeavor. Mr. Fulcher, the cashier in charge, is a progressive man and a good citizen, believing that there is a necessity to boost at all times when the opportunity is afforded, and no one has to be told of the progressive spirit of Mr. J. T. Thomas, the state's greatest financier and a man possessed with the highest standard of citizenship.

J. R. BRINSON, Ackerman, Miss.---Superintendent of the Ackerman City Schools, and an educator that has attained a high position on account of his work that has been done. He is a graduate of the Lebanon College, of Lebanon, Ohio. During the time that he has had charge of the school at Ackerman there have been many improvements made which has greatly enhanced the efficiency of the school placing it on a higher plane in its educational work. There are about four hundred students enrolled and twenty-three were graduated last year. One of the necessary improvements that has been made is the installing of new stage scenery in the auditorium.

W. B. POLLARD, Ackerman, Miss.---Owner of the Pollard Drug Store, the leading house of this character in the county. Mr. Pollard is one of Ackerman's native sons and has lived in that town all of his life, and at the same time has been one of the hardest workers for the upbuilding and advancement of the community. He received his education in the schools of the city and attended Mississippi A. & M. College. Seven years ago he opened up this business in which he has been most successful. He is a young man of exceptional business ability, a good mixer with his fellow men that has made him many sincere friends in this section of the state. In every movement that would rebound to the good of his home city he has sponsered and worked faithfully to bring about better conditions and a bigger city.

CITY OF ACKERMAN---The City of Ackerman through its Mayor, Hon. D. H. Quinn, asks you to visit this city of opportunity, this invitation is extended to you to come and see our city, come and look over the opporunities that the whole country affords. Asks you to come to a city where you can enjoy good health, good schools and good churches. Asks you to visit the county districts where cheap land can still be had but the prices are gradually going up as their worth are tested. It is also the best watered county in the state, more springs, branches and live water than anywhere else. Ackerman has excellent transportation facilities in the Aberdeen Branch of the I. C. Railroad and the main line of the G. M. & N. Railroad, these two roads connecting up with the east, west and north great trunk lines and direct to the port of Mobile for transcontinental transportation.

THE CHARLES BAIN HARDWARE COMPANY, Ackerman, Miss.---Mrs. Jennie Baine and Fleet Tomlinson forming the partnership as owners of this large business interest. This company has a well appointed establishment, one of the largest in the city, and carries a full and complete line of hardware in all of its many branches and also operates in connection a furniture department which is fully stocked with everything to furnish the home. The management of this company have realized that to assist in the upbuilding of its trade territory is an investment that should not be overlooked, but as they are progressive people this is no hardship for them as they believe in the development of the natural resources of the community especially the dairying business in which they have been of a great deal of assistance.

Harrison County

HOLDS by far the leading position of the three counties that constitute what is known as the "Mississippi Gulf Coast."

There are several towns and cities in the county, Gulfport and Biloxi being the largest; then comes Pass Christian, Long Beach, Handsboro, Mississippi City, Saucier, Lyman and several communities that are not incorporated, but are of importance in the activities of the county.

A VIEW OF THE HARBOR AT GULFPORT

OATS AS TALL AS A TEN-STRAND WIRE FENCE

One of the largest development projects in the county in the fruit growing industry is the Swan Satsuma Orchards, located about ten miles north of Gulfport and two miles east of Lyman. This is one of the scenic places of the Coast section and at the same time one of the most important, for it fully demonstrates what the lands of South Mississippi and the Coastal territory can be made to bring forth in its productive energy. We have visited this orchard several times and one of the prettiest sights is to visit there when the fruit is ripening. The orchard covers several acres of well matured trees. During picking time the fruit is taken to Lyman, where the company have a packing house, and are sized and graded before packing. Several car loads are shipped from the orchard each year to Northern markets, where the Satsuma, or kid glove orange, is becoming better and better known and liked for their fine flavor. In connection with the orchard Mr. Swan operates a nursery for the sale of the young trees and in this he does a large business.

Another project of this character is the large peach orchard operated by the Pioneer Fruit Company, under the expert management of Mr. Walter P. James. This development work is situated some eighteen miles north of Gulfport on the Magnolia Highway. There are nearly one hundred acres that are now in bearing and a very large acreage that are coming on all the time. The growing of peaches in Mississippi has been done in a careless way for several years but as a rule the orchards were not taken care of until during the past five or six years; now peach growing is coming to the front and will be a great industry in a few years. The truck and fruit growers in that section of the county have recently organized a marketing association and many small and large farmers are diversifying in their crops and raising truck of all kinds as well as fruit. The Association is doing a great work in finding a ready market so that the producer can make a neat profit for his labor. Early shipments in car lots to the Northern markets is a feature.

In the Long Beach section of the Coast is another truck raising development which has been in operation for several years, shipping radishes, carrots, etc., by the car load practically the year around. Mr. Frank H. Adams is at the head of this work and he was one of the

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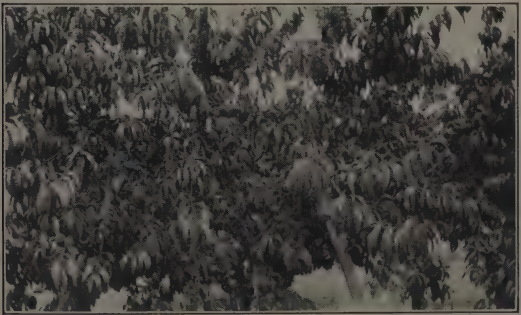

PEACH ORCHARD IN HARRISON COUNTY

ONE OF MANY CHICKEN FARMS

JOHN DAY SMITH

JOHN DAY SMITH, Mendenhall, Miss.---Sheriff of Simpson county, and progressive citizen. For two years Mr. Smith was the efficient secretary of the Simpson County Farm Bureau, during which time he did a considerable outstanding work for this organization and for the advancement of the agricultural interests of the county. At the election last fall he was elected sheriff, a position he is well fitted to administer, as he knows the county in every part and knows the people as well. Mr. Smith was born in Simpson county, receiving his early education in the schools of the county; afterwards he was a student at both the University of Mississippi and Mississippi College. During the World's War he was in the army for 22 months. After that he taught in the agricultural department in the Simpson County Agricultural High School. During his term as secretary of the Farm Bureau he did much constructive work along agricultural lines by promoting modern projects that are especially fitted for the soils in that section. Mr. Smith is an active member of the American Legion, the Masonic bodies and the Eastern Star. As a citizen of Simpson county he takes a prominent part in its social, civil and fraternal life.

PROF. E. C. BUCKLEY, Mendenhall, Miss..---Superintendent of the Mendenhall Public School, one of the best conducted schools of this class in the state, and there is a reason for that, for Prof. Buckley has advanced ideas along educational matters that are worth while in the educational field of endeavor. Prof. Buckley is a native Mississippian, receiving his education in the schools of the state, and is a graduate of Clarks Memorial College, at Newton, Miss. For the past twelve years Prof. Buckley has been in educational work and for three years he has had charge of this school in which he has been most successful and has gained the confidence and esteem of the students under his charge, but at the same time he has succeeded in installing into their minds that there is a great necessity for them to work while school is in session, that they may thoroughly fit themselves for the future. In fraternal affairs he is a member of the Masonic Lodge, the W. O. W. and active in the work of the American Legion. In the social life of Mendenhall as well as in the civic life he is well known and has many warm personal friends.

PROF. E. C. BUCKLEY

SAM J. DEAR, D'Lo, Miss.---Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of D'Lo.---For several years the Y. M. C. A. of D'Lo has been a model institution, one that many like organizations of this character has patterned after. For two years Mr. Dear, the efficient secretary has been in charge. That he has been successful in his work has been demonstrated many times. He is a man that gains the friendship of all with whom he comes in contact in either a business or social way, thus he has many warm personal friends, not only among his associates in his organization, but far afield in the state. Mr. Dear was born in Rankin county, receiving his education in the common schools of the state. Ten years ago he entered into Y. M. C. A. work and took charge of the D'Lo Association. Notwithstanding that he is a busy man in his regular work, he takes time to give his assistance to those projects that are considered of advantage to his home community. Mr. Dear is a member of the Masonic bodies, being a 32d degree and a Shriner, and is a leading member of the Baptist church.

GARDNER BROTHERS, D'Lo, Miss.---As the motorist passes through D'Lo, he will note on the main street one of the best appointed service stations along the road from Jackson to the Mississippi Gulf Coast. For the past four years Gardner Brothers have operated this place of business and by correct and quick service, have built up a fine patronage among tourists who are in the habit of passing that way and it is the place where the people of D'Lo and surrounding territory go to get their oils and gas and where they know that all of the ills that befall the car will be well and scientifically taken care of, for both of the Gardner Brothers are skilled mechanics. The writer has known these gentlement since they first started this enterprise in a small way, and has watched the business grow to its present high standing among motorists.

A. L. FREEMAN, Mendenhall, Miss.---Operating one of the most modernly fitted garages between Jackson and Hattiesburg.---For six years Mr. Freeman has occupied and operated this modern garage, which is conveniently located to serve the tourist, passing through the city as well as the home folks. He is one of the thoroughly progressive business men of Mendenhall, a man that willingly gives his assistance when needed to promote the best interests of the community in which he lives. Mr. Freeman is a skilled machinist and gives all departments of his establishment his personal supervision.

C. R. HALE, Houston, Miss.---Manager of the Houston Coca Cola Bottling Works and one of the town's leading and progressive citizens. Mr. Hale has resided in Houston for the past five years and has become indentified with the interests of the community. The business over which he presides has a capacity of bottling six hundred cases of carbonated beverages daily the leader being Coca Cola and the territory that the trucks of the company covers is a large one. Mr. Hale is an advocate of good roads and has materially assisted in securing good roads in Chickasaw County and gave his assistance in the building of the new school house that has just been finished.

L. B. REID, Houston, Miss.---Superintendent of the Houston Public schools. The people of Houston have just completed a new high school building which cost one hundred thousand dollars and is one of the best houses of this character in this part of the state. The building is modern throughout and has an auditorium that will seat more than seven hundred people. There is ample equipment for science and domestic science, laboratories, and the equipment in the class rooms is of the best, most convenient and modern. The attendance at this school exceeds five hundred, and seventeen teachers are employed. Mr. Reid, the superintendent, is a man well qualified for the position he holds and is an educator of ability and worth. He has been in this work for several years and it was through his efforts that the new school building was made possible; for he demonstrated to the good people of Houston the necessity of procuring a building and equipment adequate for the quality and variety of work being done and for the number of children enrolled.

J. M. PEARSON, Houston, Miss.---Superintendent of the Chickasaw County Agricultural High School, located at Buena Vista, ideally between the Pontotoc Ridge and the Prairie section of the state, and is one of the leading schools of this character in that part of the state. It has ninety acres of land, an administration building, two large dormitories, power plant, farm work shop, dairy barns, stock barns, and large poultry house. The school offers a very high literary course, equal to the best high schools in the state, and is on a hard surface road running between Houston and Aberdeen. Mr. Pearson, who holds a B.S. degree, is well qualified for the kind of work that he is doing and has six assistants in his work. He was the County Superintendent of Education from 1924 to 1927.

C. E. DAVIS, Houston, Miss.---Owner and Manager of the Houston Motor Company, operating a large garage and service station handling the Ford and Linocln cars and the Fordson tractors, having a sales and accessories department carrying a large stock of parts, etc. Mr. Davis as the head of the business has done much in assisting in the development of this territory, not only has he sponsered good roads but he has been prominent in the building up of the dairying interests of Chickasaw County and assisted in many other improvements of the community.

J. F. RHODES, Ackerman, Miss.---Owner and operator of the J. H. Rhodes Jewelry Store, and Optometrist. Mr. Rhodes has proven himself by his deeds that he is a citizen of the highest character and a man that is willing to help his home community along its line of advancement. He established his store in 1912 and has built up a fine business one of which he can well be proud. He handles a large line of fine jewelry and all kindred lines usually to be found in a store of this character. He is the official watch inspector for the I. C. Railroad in Ackerman. His store is attractively fitted and is the real gift shop for this section.

original promoters of the business and to him must be given the credit of building up this industry.

In different sections of the county there are several smaller projects of this character which are being successfully operated, for there is not much of any kind of fruit, truck crops and kindred lines that will not grow on the lands of Harrison county if properly taken care of.

ON THE BEACH NEAR BILOXI

Another thing that we should speak of is the network of good roads leading to all parts of the county, a large percentage of which are graveled or concrete. There are great opportunities for anyone that wishes to better himself in life to come to this section and see what has been done, is being done, and which he can do as well.

The land of Harrison county for several miles back from the Coast is level, but further back it is a rolling country, with a substantial subsoil, which is not found in all sections nearer the Coast line, but even there it is of a nature to produce, with the proper care, about anything planted. Many of the fruit trees and especially the pecan tree thrive nicely. As you go along the Coast proper you will see some of the best gardens, in which are planted all kinds of vegetables, and the flowers are the most beautiful to be found anywhere in the whole country.

Another interest that has rapidly come to the front during the past few years is the raising of poultry and several large poultry farms have been established that are doing a successful business. There is room for a larger number of enterprises of this character in the Coast section, for conditions are ideal for it.

JUST ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL VIEW

There are several fine dairies in the county, and there are something like twenty-five hundred cows. After the fever tick is eradicated this industry will increase many fold, for the crops for feeding practically every day in the year can easily be produced. Harrison county should be a great dairy section and probably will be within the next few years, for there are great opportunities in this work.

But there is still more to be found on that part of the Mississippi Gulf Coast that lies in Harrison county. There is the pleasure as a resort to be found here. To tell this story we quote from the booklet issued by the

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HAYING TIME IN HARRISON COUNTY

HARVESTING THE EVER-BEARING STRAWBERRIES

RALPH E. BRASH

RALPH E. BRASH, Gulfport, Miss.---Proprietor and manager of the Gulfport Printing Company and one of the leading business men and progressive citizens of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Mr. Brash is a native of New Orleans, but has been a resident of Gulfport for the past twenty-six years. When but a small boy, only five years old, he set his first line of type and has followed the printing business since that tme, receiving his education in the printing office, and has become one of the leading publishers of the State. In 1911 he bought the business controlled by the Gulfport Printing Company, and has built up the business of the company until today the plant is numbered among the very best. The machinery and entire equipment being of the latest models for turning out the highest grades of work. It is from this office he publishes "Way Down South" and several other publications, making a specialty of publicity booklets, that are so well gotten up that they bring results, but any kind of printing is done and done right. This book "Mississippi Today" is a specimen of the art work that is done in this office. Mr. Brash, or "Ralph" as his many friends call him, is a gentleman of the higher school, a public spirited citizen who works for his home community and is popular in all walks of the city's life. He is a Mason, Elk, K. of P., and D. O. K. K.

LOUIS BRAUN, Biloxi, Miss.---President and Managing Director of the Hotel Tivoli---If you were to ask who was the leading business man and the most progressive citizen of Biloxi, the answer would be Louis Braun, whose life's history is one of success, not through luck, but because Mr. Braun took advantage of opportunity, and hard work made opportunity play into his hands. Mr. Braun is a native of Biloxi. At the age of twelve years he entered into the world of business by working for an ice company, holding down this job for five years, when he decided to go into the ice business himself. It was a hard struggle, but he was bound to succeed and succeed he did, and his business grew until he was operating the leading enterprise of this character. From this he branched out and was one of the prime movers in the establishment of the National Grit Company and became a director of that company, which he later reorganized and changed its name to the Crushed Oyster Shell Company, which today is one of the leading concerns of this character in the state. But his greatest achievement from a development standpoint is the fulfillment of his dream of building the Hotel Tivoli, that is equal in its beauty and equipment to any of its kind in the South. In the life of Biloxi, Mr. Braun is a prominent figure. He is a member of the Biloxi Progressive Business Men's Association, the Mississippi Coast Club, the Biloxi Real Estate Board, the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Elks and the Yacht Club. As a "Builder" of his home community, Mr. Braun is one hundred per cent in his citizenship.

LOUIS BRAUN

BENJAMIN HARRISON

BENJAMIN HARRISON, Pass Christian, Miss.---Athletic Physical Director and Sportsman. Mr. Harrison was born in Harrisonburg, Va., receiving his education in the common schools of that city, graduating from the University of Virginia, at Charlottsville, Va., and from Loyola University of New Orleans. As a sportsman he has been active in base ball circles. Following is what the Associated Press has said about him. "People have a peculiar tendency to chose Nick-names that often describes a man. Mr. Harrison is called 'Heads-Up,' evidently to gain that cogman, he is optomistic and possesor of a driving personality that at the same time gains him friends. He has had many years experience as a professional base ball club owner and physical director, and has owned four clubs and won three pennants, and in the parlance of baseball is a "good scout." He does not possess braggadocia, but has a quiet quality of firmness that makes people believe that what he starts out to gain he usually is successful in doing. 'Heads Up' is quite a philosopher and philanthropist; he spends much of his time in the stillness and sweetness of wooded places near the rippling water with a fishing pole." Mr. Harrison is justly proud of his beautiful home at Pass Christian. He is one of the promoters of the Mississippi Coast Athletic Club, and is athletic director and head coach of that organization.

O. E. SIMON. Gulfport, Miss.---Proprietor and Manager of the Gulf Coast Ruling and Bindery Works. Operating a high-class ruling and bindery establishment. This is comparatively a new industry in the Coast section as it was only established here two years ago. The plant is fitted with the best and latest models of ruling and binding machinery, operated by skilled workmen under the personal supervision of Mr. Simon, who is himself a skilled workman. Mr. Simon was born in Lansing, Iowa, receiving his education in the schools of Lansing and at Sioux Falls, S. D. He has been in this business for the past forty years and had charge of the state work of Missouri for sixteen years. Believing that there was a necsssity for an establishment of this character in Gulfport and on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, he decided to come here to locate and has succeeded in building up a good business for himself and added to the interests of the Coast a necessity. As a believer in the future of the Coast section he is willing to do his share to advance its interests.

WILLIAM W. SWAN, Lyman, Miss.---Horticulturist---Mr. Swan, manager of the "Swan Satsuma Orchards," is a native of Biloxi. He attended the high school there, afterward going to Lawrenceville Preparatory School in New Jersey. His higher education he received at the University of Pennsylvania. He has held his present position for the last five years, during which time he has devoted much time to the study of horticulture and farm management. A visit to the "Swan Satsuma Orchards" is well worth while, especially to those who have not seen those fine oranges growing. During the season just ended twelve carloads of fruit were shipped north, two carloads having been marketed locally. There are five hundred acres under fence, two hundred and forty of which are planted with satsuma oranges and pecans. This development, the largest of its kind in the state, was undertaken by the late G. A. Swan in 1916. Within a few years his dreams of sending north seventy-five carloads of fruit annually will be a reality.

PERCY H. WHITE, Gulfport, Miss.---Extensive Dealer in Real Estate and Rentals.---Mr. White was born in Woodville, Miss., receiving his education in the high school of that city. Twenty-one years ago he came to Gulfport and has taken a prominent position in the activities of the city and the Mississippi Gulf Coast. During this time he has been actively engaged in the real estate and rental business in which he has been most successful. He is an active member and a director in the local Chamber of Commerce and is considered one of the progressive citizens who are endeavoring to make Gulfport the metropolis of the state.

PROF. G. W. SANSING, Lyman, Miss.---Superintendent of the Lyman Consolidated High School.---Education is the true foundation of progress; this being true, the educator or teacher in the schools must be men of character and ability in his chosen calling to supervise the young life that comes under his care, that the young life may be prepared to take its place in the man or woman's lifework. In this regard this school is well fitted in the ability and high moral character of its superintendent, Prof. G. W. Sansing. Mr. Sansing was born in Newton, Miss., receiving his education in the Newton High School and was graduated from Clark Memorial College in 1912, afterwards taking a graduate course in Mississippi College. For fifteen years he has been teaching in the state, and has been in charge of this school for four years, during which time an entire new building has been built, which is one of the most attractive structures in the county. In civic and fraternal life of his home community Mr. Sansing takes an active part and is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and a member of the Baptist Church. His ideas are progressive and he makes that one of the studies in the school over which he has supervision.

Illinois Central Railroad, "The Beautiful Mississippi Gulf Coast."

"Along a twenty-five mile of gleaming, silver-sanded Mississippi Gulf Coast, stretching from Biloxi on the east to Pass Christian on the west, is a happy choice of winter resorts. There cities with wide, shaded avenues and modern homes and hotels that look out across landscaped lawns to the sapphire waters that remember Bienville and Lafitte. The climate, tempered by the tropical breezes from the Gulf of Mexico, is equable and delightful, with an unfailing abundance of sunny, exhilarating days that irresistibly tempts the visitor into the open.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE THERE ?

During the winter season the entire Coast is bright with activity. Along the white strand are groups of bathers; the Gulf is gay with launches, yachts and motor boats; some are pleasure crafts, others carry fishermen, seeking Spanish mackerel, redfish, sheephead, speckled trout, sea bass, amberjack, or tarpon about the islands, or are bound for the picturesque rivers and bayous.

A seawall along the stretch of paradise, paralleling the white gleaming highways which connect the principal cities, is now completed. Paths and smooth roads run back from the Gulf into the woods, where they lure the motorist and the equestrian away from the highways. Among the enticing by-ways is the Old Spanish Trail with its romance and traditions. In the open space and nestling among the pines are the sporty golf courses, with gently rolling fairways and velvety greens. The hunter will find an abundance of wild birds—ducks, quail, snipe, and wild turkey—in the forest stretches to the north. Children sport on the lawns, and the less active enjoy the invigorating sea breezes from the spacious verandas. In the evening enchanting southern melodies come from many a boat on the moonlit waters and there are dances at the hotels and clubs.

THIS IS TRUE SPORT---THEY'RE OFF !

The larger towns have well-stocked shops, photoplay theaters and the usual metropolitan conveniences; the schools are efficient and up-to-date and there are several excellent colleges."

ON THE GOLF COURSE

To all of this comes the best railroad trains in the United States, the "Panama Limited," operated by the Illinois Central Railroad, with twenty-three hour service from Chicago, nineteen hours from St. Louis, and is the fastest train that comes to the "American Riviera." Then there is the "Pan-American," operated by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, which gives a most excellent service from Nashville, Louisville, Cincinnati and northeastern points. Thus one can see how easy it is to come to the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

But the Mississippi Gulf Coast is not entirely a winter resort, for the people of our own state and those adjoining have become acquainted with the greatness of the Coast and are making it a point to spend their vacations here. It is only a short drive in their car and at about any time in the year one can see the license tags from almost any state in the Union on the streets of the cities along the Coast.

GULFPORT—Has a population of practically 14,000 permanent people, and is the capital of Harrison county. It is situated on the Gulf of Mexico, sixty-six miles from New Orleans and about the same distance from Mobile, and is the most important seaport on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, with the best harbor between New Orleans and Mobile.

It is a modern city with broad boulevards and streets, bordered with palms, attractive homes, fine public buildings, several important industrial plants are located in and near the city, a Carnegie library, a large number of commercial houses that afford all metropolitan conveniences.

The hotels are of the highest character and operated by men who have had long experience in the hotel business. The Great Southern, that has been a fixture in Gulfport since Gulfport was young, still holds an excellent patronage. It is operated on the European plan and the rates are from $2.00 a day up. The Colonial is also operated on the European plan and the rates are $1.50 a day up; this hotel has thirty rooms. The Rayner is an European plan operated hotel with rates $1.50 up. This hotel has sixty rooms. The Markham, which is a new hotel, is both a commercial and tourist hotel, and has

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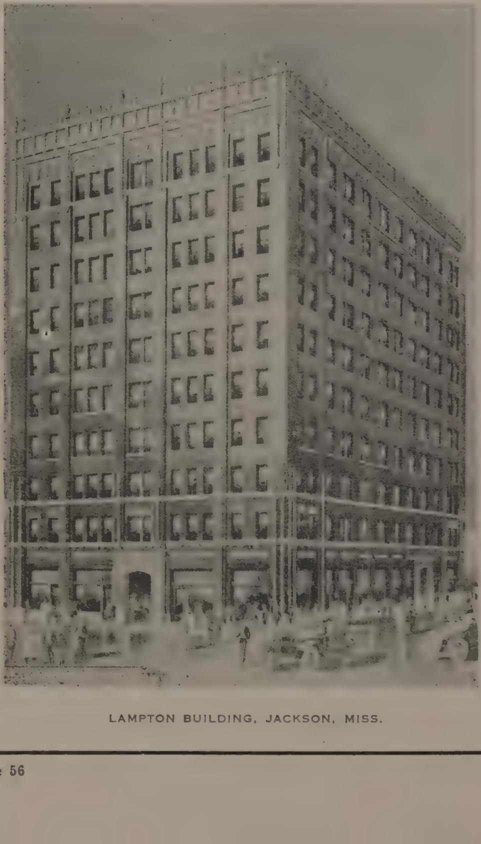
SAMUEL BUFORD KEY

SAMUEL BUFORD KEY, Jackson, Miss.---Member of the State Legislature and prominent business man who has made good in his business activities, "Business" being his hobby. Mr. Key is a graduate pharmacist and is the secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Key Drug Company, one of the largest interests of this character in Jackson. The store is on the corner at 433 East Capitol street. Mr. Key is a native of Alabama and attended the schools of that state, afterward attending the Louisville, Ky., School of Pharmacy and graduating from the New York School of Pharmacy. Thus he is competent and educated in the profession of pharmacy, making him an able gentleman to preside over the prescription department of this drug store where a specialty is made of accurately compounding prescriptions. For 11 years he has been located in Jackson, but has practiced pharmacy for twenty-nine years. As a member of the State Legislature his acts will be along progressive lines, for Mr. Key believes in progress and advancement and willingly gives his help wherever he can in assisting good things along. In the civic and social life of Jackson and the state he takes an advanced position and is a member of the local lodge of Masons, having the 32nd degree, Scottish Rite, and is a Shriner. He is an ex-president of the Mississippi State Pharmaceutical Association and a director in the Mississippi Merchants Association, and active in all civic work.

N. W. OVERSTREET, Jackson, Miss.---Architect.---Many of the handsome buildings that grace the city of Jackson and many other cities in Mississippi and surrounding States are in their beauty the product of the artistic thought of N. W. Overstreet, one of the leading architects of the South. For twenty years Mr. Overstreet has followed this profession, and if the drawing, design and specifications are needed for a building that counts, he is called on to make them. For fifteen years he has been located in Jackson and has gained a high position as a progressive citizen as well as an architect. Mr. Overstreet is a native of Mississippi and a graduate of Mississippi A. & M. College, receiving his B.B. degree from that institution as a mechanical engineer. Afterward he graduated from the University of Illinois in architecture with the degree of B.S. It would not be out of place to say that Mr. Overstreet has designed more of the handsome buildings in the State than all other architects combined. He is a good Mississippian and is doing his share in the upbuilding of the State as well as his home city.

N. W. OVERSTREET



LAMPTON BUILDING, JACKSON, MISS.

S. W. LEARD, Jackson, Miss.---General Contractor and Builder. Mr. Leard was born January 18, 1885, near Waynesboro, Miss., and received his education in the schools of Wayne county. At the age of eighteen he entered the building business as an apprentice carpenter and worked up gradually in this business to become a general contractor, and has just finished one of the finest office buildings in the State, located at Jackson. The building is a handsome brick and stone structure, ten stories high, a picture of which accompanies this editorial mention. Besides this beautiful structure he has built many others among which are the Junior High School at Meridian, Miss., Lexington High School at Lexington, Miss., North, South and East McComb school buildings at McComb, Miss., Presbyterian Church at Durant, Miss., Presbyterian Church at Louisville, Miss., Presbyterian Church at Baton Rouge, La., Courthouse at Baton Rouge, La. He has been in the business for the past twenty-six years, and in January, 1927, he decided to locate in Jackson, making for that city another desirable citizen who enters actively into the life of the city in a social, civic and business way. In his work as a contractor and builder, Mr. Leard has been most successful and at the same time his work has always given satisfaction. He is conscientious in his work, believing in completing each job according to specifications.

something like one hundred rooms. It is housed in a handsome building in the center of the business activities of the city and is the place where the majority of conventions that come to Gulfport are held. There is another hotel now being constructed which will cater to both the commercial and tourist trade and is located near the Union Depot. All of these hotels have modern cafes and restaurants.

The harbor is sufficient in size to take care of from fifty to seventy-five ocean-going vessels, and at the present time is about twenty-two feet deep, but within the next few months this will be made twenty-six or seven feet deep as will the channel to Ship Island, Pass, and Ship Island, which lies about twelve miles from the shore. The east pier in the harbor is over one mile long and the west pier is nearly of the same length. On the piers aer located several warehouses and fish houses, oil tanks and modern conveniences used in the work that is necessary to be done in a harbor that operates a business that goes to all parts of the world and where ocean going vessels load and unload. The largest business handled in lumber, naval stores, cotton and a considerable amount of general merchandise.

THIS SHOWS CORN IS GROWN ON THE COAST

Gulfport has many attractions for the winter visitor. Its delightful climate, tempered by balmy Gulf breezes, permit outdoor recreation all the year and the flowers bloom in all seasons. The long stretch of sheltered strand makes bathing, boating and fishing especially attractive. Speckled trout, mullet, Spanish mackerel, bass and that gamest of all fish, the tarpon, are abundant in the Gulf, with black bass (green trout) in the nearby streams and bayous. Quail and wild turkeys and waterfowl provide lively sport during the hunting season. Hard motor roads connect Gulfport with the other Gulf Coast cities and towns and wind through the picturesque back country.

The educational facilities are not equaled by any other city of its size in the country. There are three high schools in the city and five other schools. East of the city is the Gulf Coast Military Academy, one of the foremost educational institutions in the United States. The motto of this academy is "Send Us the Boy and We Will Return You the Man." For several years this has been done to the satisfaction of the parents who have sent their children to this school, where sanitary arrangements are correct. Heating, lighting and ventilation are carefully looked after, and the most painstaking attention is given the subject of health. Where the daily work is a systematic routine in which every duty has its place in the day and, therefore, is not overlooked. Where teachers have direct supervision of the student throughout the entire working day, which extends from six a. m. to nine-thirty p. m. It is thus possible to inculcate in the boys habits of industry and system. Where, since the teachers live on the campus, their full moral

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A GROWING FIELD OF OATS

ANOTHER VIEW OF GULFPORT HARBOR

MIMS WILLIAMS

MIMS WILLIAMS, Magee, Miss.---Banker, merchant, cotton buyer and leading public spirited citizen.---In speaking of those men who are outstanding in their respective communities as "builders," it is with pleasure that we are permitted to write of that sterling gentleman, Mr. Mims Williams. Mr. Williams was born in Hinds county, Miss., where he attended the common schools. Coming to Magee some twenty-five years ago, he became the city's leading merchant, now operating one of the largest and best appointed department stores in the state. He is the president of the State Guaranty Bank of Magee, a bank of friendly service; president of the board of trustees of the Mississippi State Insane Hospital, and president of the Mississippi Merchants Association. He has taken active interest in state politics, where they have been of a constructive character, and it was to a large extent through his efforts that the Tuberculosis Sanatorium was located a short distance from Magee, in Simpson county. During the thirteen years Mr. Williams has been in the mercantile business for himself he has demonstrated his ability as a business man, yet, at the same time he has never forgotten his obligations to his home community and has given his time and money to further those projects by which Magee and Simpson county and the state of Mississippi would be benefited. Mr. Williams is a true "builder."

C. J. KEES, Magee, Miss.---Banker and Community Builder.---Mr. Kees is a native of Brookhaven, where he attended the common and high schools, receiving his business education and training at the Bowling Green (Ky.) Business College. Since 1907 he has been in the banking business, four years ago locating in Magee, where he assisted in the organizing of the State Guaranty Bank, and was elected active vice-president and cashier, a position he has successfully held since the bank was organized, giving that financial institution his best work, building it up to one of the highest positions among the banks of the state. Mr. Kees firmly believes in the future of his home community, that Simpson county is rich in resources and opportunities awaiting development, and that Magee is one of the very best small cities in the state. Believing these things, he has, ever since he has made his home there, given his assistance to all projects to advance the interests of the community. In the social and fraternal life, as well as in the city's business life, he takes a prominent position and is a member of the Masonic bodies and the Woodmen of the World. For the past three years Mr. Kees has taken an active interest in poultry and has a well appointed home poultry farm stocked with pure bred chickens.

C. J. KEES

PROF. H. L. SAMUELS

PROF. H. L. SAMUELS, Magee, Miss.--Superintendent of the Magee City Schools. The efficiency of the schools of a city or community is regulated by the work of the instructor in charge. In this the City of Magee is to be congratulated in having at the head of its educational institution Mr. H. L. Samuels, an educated Christian gentleman and a man of high citizenship. For fourteen years he has followed the profession of an instructor, three years of which has been at the head of the schools where he is now located. Prof. Samuels received his advanced education in the National Teachers Normal, of Henderson, Tenn., and at the University of Mississippi. After leaving school he decided that there was no greater calling in life than to assist in education, that the coming generation may be able to go out into life's work well fitted for what they might be called upon to do. An ambition of this character has made him one of the most efficient instructors of the state. Prof. Samuels takes an active interest in the social and civic life of his home community and is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

DR. HENRY BOSWELL, Sanatorium, Miss.---Noted physician and superintendent of the Mississippi State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, located in Simpson county, three miles north of Magee. It would be hard for us to tell of the high position that Dr. Boswell holds in his profession as an expert on tubercular troubles in the short space allotted to us. That his knowledge is sought throughout the country and internationally for that matter, is a fitting testimonial of his efficiency as an expert in these diseases. What he has done for the afflicted in Mississippi cannot be calculated in money value. Dr. Boswell was born in Alabama, receiving his education in the schools of that state and at the University of Tennessee, at Nashville. For seven years he was associated with the health department of Mississippi, until the Tuberculosis Hospital was built, when he took charge of that institution. The people of Mississippi know Dr. Boswell, and know and love him for what he has done and is doing. He is an educated gentlemen, democratic in his association with his fellow men. He believes in Mississippi and takes a part in the deliberations of those bodies that are calculated to build a bigger and better state. The state is indeed to be congratulated that it has such an able man at the head of this great institution.

HUGH A. GEIGER, Mendenhall, Miss..---Editor and publisher of the Simpson County News and Farmer, member of the Mississippi State Legislature.---Mr. Geiger was born in Westville, Simpson county, Miss., and has lived in the county all of his life. He has served the county as treasurer and was the mayor of Mendenhall for a time. At the recent election he was elected to the State Legislature by a majority of 1063 over his oppontnt, which shows the popularity in which Mr. Geiger is held by his fellow citizens. After receiving his education in the common schools of the county he decided to make the printing trades his life's work and has followed that business for the past forty-six years, a large portion of the time as editor and publisher of the Simpson County News, one of the best printed and edited weekly papers in the state. From a small beginning Mr. Geiger has built up his business enterprise until today his printing plant is fitted with the best type-setting machinery, printing presses and the latest and most popular faces of type. Thus, besides the printing of the "News," he is enabled to turn out the highest class of job printing of all kinds. In the life of Mendenhall and Simpson county, Mr. Geiger has taken an active, progressive position. He believes in a great future for that section of the state and is always found in the forefront among those who are working faithfully for the development of Mendenhall and all sections of Simpson county.

R. W. PATRICK, Braxton, Miss.---Banker and a true "Builder" of his home community.---There is no institution of a community that has a higher position in its advancement than the banking opportunities, for this reason Braxton has made progress during the past four or five years. The Braxton Bank has had much to do with this growth through the liberal, yet conservative, policy of its officers, especially its cashier, Mr. R. W. Patrick, who for the past six years has held this position. Mr. Patrick was born in Rankin county, Miss., March 19, 1885, and has lived in the state all of his life. After receiving his early education in the schools of his native county he attended Mississippi College, afterwards attending and graduating from Soule Commercial College, of New Orleans. For twenty-four years he has been in the banking business, giving him a practical knowledge of the management of finance. Coming to Braxton six years ago he at once took an active part in the advancement of that community, and has served the town as its mayor and as city treasurer. Mr. Patrick is one of those every day boosters who never lets an opportunity pass where he can say a good word or do a good deed to assist in all progressive movements that are calculated to build a bigger community and state. Mr. Patrick is a 32d degree Mason.

influence can be utilized, and made definite and personal. No teacher can make himself one hundred per cent available for a boy unless he has the boy within range of his influence. Where, by association with other cadets, each cadet begins to recognize himself as an integral part of a body and, with this in view, he assumes the correct attitude toward the rights of others. He knows that his own personal rights are affected when they interfere with the rights of others. Where, the democratic spirit developed by the give-and-take daily life of each cadet will act as a strong deterrent against snobbishness. Where, being thrown on his own resources, a boy develops initiative and self-dependence and grows away from the helpless, dependent spirit into which many boys have been coddled. The men at the head of this institution are gentlemen of the highest integrity and practical and experienced in their work.

RECREATION IN THE PARKS

On the west side of the city is located Gulf Park College, a school exclusively for women. This college has, although but a few years old, attained a national reputation and students are in attendance from all parts of the United States. It is ideally located on the Coast overlooking the waters of the Gulf of Mexico. In its equipment all modern facilities, and the handsome buildings are a leading attraction on the boulevard leading from Gulfport to Pass Christian. Dr. Richard Cox, the president and the manager of the college, is an able educator and business man and a Christian gentleman, a man of the highest citizenship.

Many miles of the streets of Gulfport are paved and more of this work is being done all of the time. When the projejcts now under way are finished it will be the best paved city of its size in the state, if not in the South. The water mains reach to practically all parts of the city, and the water, which flows from deep artesian wells is of the purest and plenty of it. The storage reservoir holds over a million gallons. The city government is of the commission form of three commissioners, one of which is the mayor.

The good roads leading out of the city are of the best, east and west they are paved and the road leading north is paved to the Stone county line. The old Pass Christian Road that passes through the city back a short distance from the beach is also a paved road.

Gulfport has one daily paper, "The Herald," and one weekly and a monthly magazine, "Way Down South." There are three banks with combined resources of upwards of ten millions. The head offices of the Mississippi Power Company are located at Gulfport.

Some people are called dreamers by people that do not realize that a man of visions is not a dreamer; he is a man who can see and think in the future. Less than thirty-five years ago the present site of Gulfport was considered of no account; that it was a part of the Mississippi Gulf Coast that did not belong here. Was Capt. Jones, the founder of Gulfport and the builder of the Gulf & Ship Island Railroad, a dreamer? No; he had visions of great things for this section, and he had more, and that was the ability to build and develop and put his visions into force. Not sufficient credit has ever been given Capt. Jones for what he did when he came here. He built the G. & S. I. R. R., he built the Great Southern Hotel, he built the harbor and the channel out to Ship Island, he built the foundation of Gulfport, he built Gulfport. He was a man with vision; he had studied the economic questions; he knew that all great cities were built "on a waterway." The great city that we firmly believe to be the destiny of Gulfport will be a monument to this great man that the people of Gulfport have almost forgotten—a man who made great things out of a mighty small foundation of low lands and bayous. The people of Gulfport should erect a monument to his memory.

During the past three years Gulfport has spent for public and private improvements considerable over four millions of dollars and this does not take in the cost of the seawall.

Gulfport has not been built for a resort city and community, although to a certain extent it will always be that. It is built and being built bigger as a commercial and manufacturing city. Its deep waterway makes this a certainty and a necessity. It is a port of entry and as such should be considered and as its commerce to all parts of the world grows so will the harbor and Gulfport grow. It is the logical place, on this account, and its excellent land transportation facilities by the Illinois Central and the Louisville & Nashville Railroads, to become a manufacturing city from an economical standpoint, for here the raw material is in transit, going to foreign ports and to the interior of the United States can be manufactured into the finished article and shipped at a saving of an enormous amount in weight in transportation. Gulfport has all of the facilities to do this and the opportunities are open to the strictest investigation. This is the one great thing that must be done before Gulfport will be a great city. For a resort community, it is a failure, with Biloxi on the east, a typical resort city, a city of romance and traditions, it has much to attract the attention of the visitor. And Pass Christian on the west, another logical resort community and one that advertised it as such, and being the summer home of many residents of New Orleans it has all of the attractions to be just what it intends to be. But Gulfport has none of those attractions to draw the stranger; it is just a city of affairs, one that will grow in commerce and business, thus supplying its neighbors in that way.

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JOSEPH VERNON PACE

JOSEPH VERNON PACE, Macon, Miss.---County Agent of Noxubee County, a progressive citizen who believes in doing good constructive work. There is no vocation in the official life of Mississippi that takes a higher position for things accomplished than that of the County Agent, for to him is delegated the part that is to make for posterity, the permanent building up of the soils of the state for the use of the generations to come. The efficiency of some of these men is shown by what they have accomplished by actual demonstration. Noxubee county is to be congratulated that she has the expert knowledge of one of the most efficient County Agents in the state in Mr. J. V. Pace, who is untiring in his work to do things and do them well. Mr. Pace was born near Lake, Newton county, Mississippi, where he attended the common schools, afterward graduating from the Mississippi A. & M. College, class of 1917. After graduating from college he enlisted and served in the army during the World War with the rank of 1st Lieutenant of Infantry. For three years he served as District Boys' 4-H Club Agent with headquarters at the A. & M. College. Five years ago he went to Macon as County Agent, which position he still holds. In this work he has been most successful, establishing interests that have worked out in placing Noxubee county well in the forefront in its productive energy. Especially is this true in dairying and poultry raising. He did meritorious work in helping to bring to Macon the milk evaporating plant of the Borden Southern Company which is a great asset to the community. He is an active member of the Macon Rotary Club which practically takes the place of a Chamber of Commerce.

ROBERT M. SPAULDING, Macon, Miss.---Superintendent of the Macon City Schools.---As education is the great necessity for success in life's work the people of Mississippi have realized this and have established the best of school systems and employed the highest standard of educators to supervise its schools, and in this Macon is to be congratulated in having so able a man at the head of its schools as Mr. Robert M. Spaulding, an educator of high executive ability. Mr. Spaulding was born in Decherd, Tenn., receiving his education in the high school of that town, the Normal School of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and received his B.S. degree from Peabody College, in which college he has done considerable graduate work toward his M.A. degree. For thirteen years he has been in educational work, three years of which has been spent in Macon, where he has built the school system up to the highest efficiency for good in its activities. Since coming to Macon, Mr. Spaulding has taken an active interest in the social and civic life of the city, is an active member of the local Rotary Club, which is performing the functions of a Chamber of Commerce, and belongs to the Masonic Order. By education and executive ability he is well fitted to supervise this school and during his administration many decided improvements have been made which have benefited the students and community most materially. He has just recently accepted a contract with the Macon school board for an additional term of three years.

ROBERT M. SPAULDING

WHITNEY B. JONES

WHITNEY B. JONES, Macon, Miss.---Superintendent of Schools of Noxubee County, and educator of practical experience and exceptional executive ability. Mr. Jones was born in Kentucky, receiving his education in the schools of that state, graduating from the Normal Department of Cumberland College, of Williamsburg, Ky. In 1909 he moved to Simpson county, Mississippi, and for the past sixteen years he has been in educational work, twelve years of which was spent in teaching. Four years ago he was elected superintendent of schools for this county during which time he has been instrumental in bringing the efficiency of the school work of the county on a plane with the best in the state. At the last general election Mr. Jones was elected for another term in this office without opposition, which is a testimonial of the worth in which he is held by the people of Noxubee county. The school system of the county is of the best and more than half a million dollars have been invested in buildings and equipment, and the annual maintenance of the system from state appropriations, county and district levies amounts to approximately one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The county has seven high schools well distributed over the county, a story of which appears in another part of this work.

PROF. W. H. BRADEN, Natchez, Miss.---Superintendent of the Natchez City Schools, Educator and Prominent Citizen. There is no man in a community that holds a higher position in its development than the educator, the man who has the training of the minds of the coming generation, fitting them for their work as they leave school and go out into the world in their life's work. The man to do this work must be of the highest standard of citizenship, for education is the true foundation of progress, and every boy and girl should be taught to love their state and their community, to become men and women who realize that their position in the world is what they make it. For when they leave the school and the influence of their teacher they are on their own resources. Such an instructor, and a man of the highest integrity, is the subject of this short editorial mention, Prof. W. H. Braden, who for the past eight years has had charge of the schools of the city of Natchez. He is a man of matured mind and an educated gentleman, and the highest type of citizenship. Prof. Braden was born in Guntown, Miss., and is a graduate of three state universities, holding B. S. and B. B. degrees. In the life of Natchez Prof. Braden has an enviable standing. He is a member of the Masonic orders, and was president of the Rotary Club. His activities in community building are well known to the people of Natchez.

PROF. W. H. BRADEN

THOMAS NOLAN TOUCHSTONE, Brooksville, Miss.---Superintendent of the Brooksville School. The school system of Mississippi is rated the best of any state in the Union of States, to a large extent this desirable state of affairs has been brought about through the efficiency of our educators who are of the highest standard in their profession. In this instance we wish to introduce that well qualified educator, Mr. Thomas Nolan Touchstone, who has charge of the Brooksville High School. Mr. Touchstone has an enviable record in school work. He was born in Mississippi and received his education in the Braxton, Simpson county high school and is a graduate of Mississippi College. He commenced teaching ten years ago and has been at the head of the schools of Brooksville for the past seven years; he also attended the University of Chicago, Peabody College, and the University of Clermont Ferrand, France. During the World War he was for twenty-four months in service as First Lieutenant 312 F. A., and for fifteen months was in active service in France. Mr. Touchstone is a member of the High School Text Book Commission from the First Congressional District; he is a Mason and at present master of the Brooksville Lodge. For the past six years he has been serving as superintendent of the Brooksville Baptist Sunday School. Mr. Touchstone has accepted the superintendency of the schools at Marks for the session of 1928-1929.

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Gulfport, Mississippi

BILOXI—Is situated on a peninsula facing the Gulf of Mexico and extends back to the Back Bay and the Tchouticabouffa river, and is most essentially an all year round resort. Whether it be for golf, fishing, boating, camping, hunting, bathing, or just plain rest, Biloxi is the ideal place to go to find all classes of recreation desired.

It is but twenty-four hours from the center of population of the United States. In less than thirty hours it can be reached from Chicago, and only twenty-four hours from Cincinnati, Evansville, Cleveland and many northeastern points. It is only a few hours' automobile drive from all parts of Mississippi and Alabama.

THE BILOXI LIGHTHOUSE

The scenery in and around Biloxi is beautiful and unique. It is so different from that of the bleak North that visitors quickly fall under the spell of its soft southern charm. Truly Biloxi is a favored spot on the highway of the world. Benachi avenue, with its famed spreading oaks, is probably the only thoroughfare of its kind in America. These oaks, planted over one hundred years ago, offer an unusual sight to the visitor and tourist. East Beach and West Beach Boulevards, with their palms, oaks, magnolias, and profuse shrubbery, are among the scenic driveways in the South. The lighthouse on West Beach Boulevard, built over seventy years ago, is a bit out of the "old days." Massive oaks, paved boulevards, and pretty homes flank it on one side, while on the other sparkle the waters of the Mississippi Sound. Flowers, especially roses, have no definite season in Biloxi, but bloom all the year round. The winter months find the flowers particularly beautiful. Then the Back Bay, with its pretty driveway trails, is an invitation to the motorist. The islands of the Mississippi Sound in the vicinity of Biloxi are also noted for their entrancing scenery. The unusual names were given to the islands by the early French explorers under d'Iberville. They lend a touch of old-world charm to the softly blended beauty of Biloxi and her environs.

The course of the Biloxi Golf Club is declared by many of America's greatest golfers to be without question one of the most beautiful in the United States, and during the months of December, January, February, March and April hundreds of players from the North, East and Middle West, and from Canada play upon this course, where tournaments are held, both for men and women, and for the amateur and professional. There is an attractive and neatly furnished clubhouse, the greens are among the finest to be seen anywhere and are of bright Italian rye grass.

For fishing this section of the Coast in the neighborhood of Biloxi cannot be excelled. With the Gulf of Mexico to the south, the Bay of Biloxi to the north, and with numerous fresh water streams entering them, make it a natural fisherman's paradise. There is no special season to make a catch in these waters. Any time of the year, with favorable weather conditions, fish will bite. Green trout are often caught in the fresh water streams that weigh five pounds and over. In the salt waters are the redfish, the speckled trout, black mullet, croakers, sheepshead, and other varieties. Added to these is the tarpon, the king of them all, and the Spanish mackerel and the huge blackfish.

Hospitality and service are the keynote of Biloxi's hotels. The American-plan hotels are all located on the beach boulevard. They are striking exponents of Southern cuisine. The management of each institution is the type that understands and knows the wants of the class of people who frequent the American-plan hotels. Biloxi s best chefs are found at these hotels, as well as at the commercial hotels, leading cafes and restaurants. The balmy air of the Gulf of Mexico gives one an eager appetite. A redfish courtbouillon alone is well worth a trip to Biloxi. Good cooking, with a wide variety of dishes, especially those of the seafood kind, is a big feature of Biloxi hotels. Pretty dance pavilions by the seaside are another attraction of Biloxi hotels during the summer season. The South's finest orchestras furnish the music. There are also numerous smaller hotels, on and off the beach. Apartment houses are plentiful, with various types and locations to choose from. Boarding-houses are accessible in all parts of the city and take care of a large part of the crowds during the four seasons. Cottages of suitable sizes and apartments for families who wish to be to themselves are also easily obtainable.

The Avelez Hotel is the leading tourist and commercial hotel, and following that is the Kennedy Hotel and the Park. The best apartment hotel and one that is fast becoming well known among visitors to Biloxi is the Tivoli, operated by the Dorries Hotel Company and under the management of Mr. H. P. Letsch, an experienced hotel man and courteous gentleman. It is beautifully situated on the West Beach Boulevard facing the Gulf. The other tourist hotels are the Buena Vista, Riviera, Biloxi, White House, Avon, Bay View, Beach, Iberville, Laurel Inn, Manor, and Palmer; there are also several apartment and rooming houses.

Situated on the beach between Biloxi and Gulfport we find the Edgewater Gulf Hotel, which was opened to the guests about a year ago. This is by far the most poten-

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THOS. BRADY, JR.

THOMAS BRADY, JR., Brookhaven, Miss.---Attorney at Law. Mr. Brady is a native of Mississippi, receiving his education in the schools of the state, and graduated from the University of Mississippi in June, 1894. After graduating he came to Brookhaven and entered upon the practice of his profession, in which he has been most successful, until today he is one of the leading lawyers of the state, enjoying a large practice. Among the interests that he represents are the Mississippi Central Railroad Company, as general counsel; New Orleans, Natalbany & Natchez Railroad Company, as general counsel; Natchez, Columbia & Mobile Railroad Company, as general counsel; Pearl River Valley Railroad Company, as general counsel; the Illinois Central Railroad Company, as local attorney; New Orleans & Great Northern Railroad Company, attorney; Western Union Telegraph Company, attorney; Denkman Lumber Company, general counsel; Pearl River Valley Lumber Company, general counsel; Natalbany Lumber Company, Ltd., general counsel; Great Southern Lumber Company, attorney; Central Lumber Company, attorney; Brookhaven Bank & Trust Company, attorney; Mississippi Power and Light Company, attorney. In politics Mr. Brady has taken a prominent part and has served as special district attorney, appointed by Governor of Mississippi; special United States attorney, appointed by Attorney General Bonaparte; delegate to National Democratic Convention, St. Louis, that nominated Wilson for president. He is president of the local school board and has held several other offices of trust. In fraternal societies he is a member of the Phi Kappa Psi and several social clubs in New Orleans and elsewhere.

DR. H. G. HAWKINS, Brookhaven, Miss.---President and executive head of Whitworth College. There are many educators in Mississippi that have attained a high position in their profession, but there are none that stand higher in this great work than Dr. H. G. Hawkins, now at the head of Whitworth College, one of the best schools for women in the state. Dr. Hawkins was born in Choctaw county, Ala., receiving his boyhood schooling in that county and Marengo county. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama, and took post graduate work at Vanderbilt University. He was at one time county superintendent of schools of Clarke county, Miss. After attending Vanderbilt he taught English in a Provincial College in Japan. During the World's War he was for several months a Red Cross director in Camp Shelby, near Hattiesburg. In the religious, social life of Brookhaven and Mississippi he is a prominent figure, being a member of the Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Church, South. A member of the local Kiwanis Club, and of the Phi Delta Theta school fraternity. He has been in educational work much of the time for the past twenty years, three years of which being in his present position.

DR. H. G. HAWKINS

F. F. BECKER

F. F. BECKER, Brookhaven, Miss.---President and general manager of the Brookhaven Creamery, the largest establishment of this character in the state. Mr. Becker is a native of Brookhaven and has lived in that hustling city all of his life, where he received his education in the public schools. In the building up of this large business enterprise Mr. Becker must be given much credit. It was originally started as a co-operative creamery, but failed. Mr. Becker, who had largely backed the enterprise, then took hold of the business and under his guiding hand and business ability it commenced to grow. He then established branches in different sections of that part of the state and it continued to grow until today the plant manufactures butter, condensed and powdered milk, and sells sweet cream and whole milk; thus the farmers of that section have a ready market for their products. The weekly checks now are larger than they were annually under the old way of operation and before Mr. Becker took hold of the business. The annual expenditure amounting to over $600,000. This business enterprise has become one of the largest in Lincoln county.

HON. ARTHUR V. SMITH, Pascagoula, Miss.---Editor and Manager of the Pascagoula "Chronicle-Star" and the Moss Point "Advertiser." Member of the Mississippi State Legislature.---Hon. Arthur V. Smith is a native of Jackson County, Mississippi, and received his education in the schools of the county, attending the schools of Moss Point. After leaving school he decided to learn the printing trade and began work with the Moss Point "Advertiser." After a term of enlistment in the United States army during the World War he returned to Moss Point as editor and manager of the Moss Point "Advertiser," which he operated for several years. When the "Chronicle-Star" took over the "Advertiser," Mr. Smith became editor and manager of the two papers. The "Chronicle-Star" office is equipped with the most modern printing apparatus in all its appointments, fitted to do all kinds of job printing, and skilled workmen are given employment, always under the able management of Mr. Smith. In 1923 Mr. Smith was elected to the lower house of the State Legislature, in which he served faithfully and well to the satisfaction of the people of his home county and the Coast generally. Last year he was again a candidate and received a handsome majority to serve Jackson County in that body another four years. He is an able writer and his writing as chronicled in his paper is often quoted throughout the state. He is a pleasant gentleman to meet and a loyal friend; he is progressive in his work and has done much toward the advancement of the community in which he lives.

HON. ARTHUR V. SMITH

HON. WM. MEYERS COLMER

HON. WILLIAM MEYERS COLMER, Pascagoula, Miss.---Attorney at Law and Progressive Citizen. District Attorney.---Mr. Colmer is one of the native sons of Jackson county, who have made good in their chosen life's work. He attended the common schools of Moss Point, McHenry and Gulfport, afterward graduating from Millsaps College from the law department. After graduation he commenced the practice of law in his native county, locating at Pascagoula, where he has resided ever since. He has served eight years as County Attorney, elected each time without opposition. In the election of 1927 he announced himself as a candidate for District Attorney, a position that has been Mr. Colmer's ambition to fill and was elected by a substantial vote of the people of the district. That he will make a record in this position goes without saying, as "Bill," as his friends call him, is a worker and puts all of his energy in all matters that come to him. The people of this district can well be congratulated that so worthy and able a man will take care of the law work of the district for the next four years. Mr. Colmer is active in the social life of his home community and is a member of the Masonic bodies, being a 32nd degree Mason; a member of the Elks, Rotary Club and the American Legion, as he served overseas during the World War, and attended the Legion Convention in Paris, France, in September of last year. He can be called one of the hard workers for the advancement of his home community and the whole state.

tial hotel on the Gulf Coast, and contains four hundred rooms, each facing the Gulf. The hotel building was erected at a cost of two millions of dollars, and is delightfully situated about half-way between Gulfport and Biloxi. A terrace fronts toward the beach, there is a convention hall, with a capacity of seating 1,500, and a dining room seating 1,000, the dining room facing the terrace. The property has a frontage of eight hundred feet along the coast and extends north to the Bay, containing six hundred acres. There is an eighteen-hole golf course that is equal to any in the country.

CATCHING A FEW FISH AND SHRIMP

The Anniston is another hotel located on the beach between Gulfport and Biloxi that is well known to the tourist.

On the beach drive from Biloxi to Gulfport is the Jefferson Davis Soldiers' Home, known as "Beauvoir." This is the old home of the President of the Confederacy, where President Davis lived and where several of the rooms of the home are still kept the same as when he lived there. The Davis mansion is visited by thousands of tourists. The "Home" is operated today by the State of Mississippi for Confederate veterans and include several dormitories, hospital and many other conveniences necessary for the comfort of the veterans.

From Biloxi to Gulfport the beautiful beach boulevard as it winds its way along the water front is lined with handsome residences, making it one continuous city from one to the other.

Bilox is termed "The Peninsular City" because of the beautiful bodies of water that border it on three sides. As a result Biloxi is pre-eminent in Southern boating and yachting. The annual regatta of the Biloxi Yacht Club, usually in July, is a rendezvous for yachtsmen of the South. Many days before the start of the regatta, in fact, weeks ahead, the front harbor becomes lined with yachts and pleasure craft of every description. Skilled sailors handle the various classes of vessels. The big schooner race, the cabin sloop race, and the numerous others draw wide attention. Water sports are enjoyed in Biloxi in every form and variety. Bathing and swimming hold sway to the enjoyment of all. Sensational diving by skilled swimmers can be found at all the pavilions frequented by bathers. These pavilions are an outstanding attraction, especially in the summer. In both summer and winter, excursion boats make trips to Ship Island and other nearby points. At Ship Island one may enjoy surf bathing or catch deep-water fish.

Biloxi is an "Alice of Wonderland" for the children. It is one place where they may enjoy themselves in safety. The white sand beaches are an ideal playground for them. The briny water and balmy air promotes their pleasure and sturdy health.

Biloxi is a community where its citizens are imbued with civic pride. Recently, bond issues of large sums have been carried out. The paved boulevards and avenues make a good street system. Splendid schools, churches, department stores, banks, and other civic necessities of the highest type are here. Biloxi's high school is the best in the State of Mississippi. Hundreds of visitors to Biloxi in the winter place their children in city schools. Besides the school system there are splendid Catholic and private schools. A live Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, and Chamber of Commerce are other assets to Biloxi. There is a beautiful Elks' Home, a Masonic Temple, and a Council of the Knights of Columbus. All other fraternities and lodges of importance are represented. The population of Biloxi is about 15,000 permanent residents. Biloxi has an efficient police department and a dependable, paid, motorized fire department. In health and cleanliness, it leads the other cities of Mississippi. Statistics prove that the county of Harrison, of which Biloxi is the largest city, is the healthiest county in the United States. Beautiful churches are another feature of Biloxi. All principal denominations are represented—Catholic, Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Evangelical Lutheran, Christian Science, and others. The commission form of government is in charge. There are also a park commission, school board, and library commission. All sports and other forms of athletics are enjoyed in Biloxi. Besides yachting, water sports, and golf, there are baseball, football, hunting, trapshooting, tennis, roque and other outdoor diversions.

The Biloxi Tourist Club is composed of winter visitors who have been coming to the city regularly for years. It is open every day of the week during the winter season. The river excursion trips are big features. The Tchouticabouffa and the Biloxi rivers are a revelation to the visitor. At some points the branches of the majestic oaks hang so far out over the water that one can pick the haunting weird Spanish moss as the boat passes under. The purest and best drinking water is to be found here. Clear, health-giving artesian water from wells drilled over 1,000 feet deep, is pumped to all parts of the city by a modern waterworks system. In front of the entrance to the City Hall of Biloxi is located a mineral well, which alone attracts hundreds of Northern tourists. This well

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ROBERT D. MORROW

ROBERT D. MORROW, Brandon, Miss.---Department Adjutant of the American Legion of Mississippi.---Mr. Morrow is one of Mississippi's sons and attained his education in the schools of the state, graduating from Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College. When the United States entered the World War Mr. Morrow was at school at A. & M. College, but he enlisted at once as a private in Company L, 142nd Infantry, 36th Division, and was stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas, where within a few months he was selected as a member of the crack drill platoon of the entire division. The 36th saw active service with the 4th French Army on the Champaigne front and in the Argonne Forest. Mr. Morrow returned with the division in 1919, and was discharged and again entered Mississippi A. & M. College, where he distinguished himself as an athlete and student. He captained both the Southern Cross Country Team and Track Team of 1921. During his junior year he captained the infantry company that won a silver loving cup and the distinction of being the best drilled company in the regiment. During his senior year he was president of the senior class and lieutenant colonel of the cadet corps, the highest rank that is possible to bestow upon a student. In 1922 he graduted with a B. Sc. and M. Sc. degree in 1924. As an efficient officer he is fitted to fill the place he holds and has done a great work with the Legion especially during the Mississippi River flood last year. He is a progressive citizen with many friends. Mr. Morrow is editor of the "Mississippi Veteran," the official Legion paper, and was recently appointed chairman of the Mississippi Athletic Commission.

PROF. JULIUS F. RUSSUM, Florence, Miss.---Educator. Superintendent of the Steens Creek Consolidated School, of Florence, Miss.---The principal who takes a personal interest in the welfare of the students of the school under his charge is the educator that is doing the most good for Mississippi. For to him is delegated the training of the future of the youth and girl of today that they may be the true Mississippians of tomorrow. In this the Florence school can be congratulated in having a man of the worth of the subject of this editorial mention, Mr. Julius F. Russum. Prof. Russum received his education in the schools of Madison county, finishing in the Madison County Agricultural High School in 1916. He received his B. S. degree from Mississippi A. & M. College in 1921, attended Peabody College Summer School of 1926-1927, and is a candidate for his M.A. degree this year. When the United States called for troops at the time of entering the World's War, Mr. Russum volunteered and served eleven months over seas with the 79th division, 304 Am. Tr., Company B. He has been in educational work for seven years and in charge of this school for the past year. He believes in athletic sports and takes great pride that his school has the champion basket ball team in the state, of which we speak at length in another place in this work.

PROF. JULIUS F. RUSSUM

THE EOLA HOTEL, NATCHEZ, MISS.

LESTER ALVIS, Natchez, Miss.---Manager of the Eola Hotel, centrally and conveniently located in the midst of the business section of Natchez. The "Eola" is a handsome seven story hotel, with 125 outside rooms, each with bath. There is circulating ice water in all rooms, each room with ceiling fan. This hotel was taken over and remodeled and furnished throughout about a year ago by the Natchez Investment Company, promoted by Mr. A. H. Alvis who operates several hotels in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. When the hotel opened for business under the new management, Mr. Lester Alvis was placed as manager, a position that he is well able to take care of. He has had considerable experience with his father, A. H. Alvis. Was for a time the manager of the Chester Hotel at Starksville, Miss., and at the Lamar Hotel, in Yazoo City. About a year ago he was given the mnagement of this hotel. He is a young man of exceptional ability and a hotel man to the "Manor born." Mr. Alvis was born in Carbon Hill, Ala., receiving his education in the schools of Birmingham. In civic, social and industrial life he is active, a good "mixer" and most popular with the traveling public as well as with home people.

S. J. GREER, Natchez, Miss.---County Agent for Adams county. If you were asked what was the greatest factor in the great movement during the past ten years to build of Mississippi one of the greatest agricultural states in the Union, and if this question was answered truthfully there is but one answer, "The County Agent and Demonstrator." He has made it possible to produce greater crops through his scientific study of soils, he has informed the dairyman what breed of cattle is the best, he has been a true "builder" of the community which he serves. Standing at the top among this class of men is Mr. S. J. Greer, agriculturist, horticulturist and learned in animal husbandry. Ask the people of Adams what he has done in placing that county among the best in these lines of endeavor. Mr. Greer is a native Mississippian, born in Lincoln county on the farm, receiving his education in the schools of Brookhaven and graduated from A. & M. College with the class of 1914. Since that time he has been doing county agent work, and for the past five years he has been located at Natchez, in his present position. Being a true Mississippian he belives in the future greatness of the state, and a willing worker to further all merited projects that will advance progressive ideas. In the social and civic life of Natchez he takes a prominent place, and is a member of the local Masonic lodge.

E. H. BARINGER, Poplarville, Miss.---A "Builder" who believes in active co-operative work.---Mr. Baringer is a native of New Orleans, but for several years has been identified with the progressive activities of Pearl River County. He is the local manager of the Southern Power & Manufacturing Company, a public service corporation supplying ice, water, power and lights for the city of Poplarville and surrounding community. For twenty-five years he has been in this business and thoroughly understands it in every detail in its practical workings, which is one of the reasons why this section has an extra good service. Mr. Baringer is the president of the local Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club.

R. E. LAIRD, Picayune, Miss.---Cashier of the Pearl River County Bank.---The character of the banks of a community indicate the true position that a city or town holds in the commercial and industrial world, and the thrift and progressiveness of its citizens. If the bank is prosperous you can make up your mind that "It is a Good Town" in which to locate. This being true, Picayune is one of the best, for her banking institutions are prosperous and progressive. Thus we are pleased to speak of the Pearl River County Bank of which Mr. R. E. Laird is the cashier, a man who has had several years experience in the banking business and who has lived in Picayune for the past seven years and is one of the outstanding men of the city.

is drilled at the spot and people at all times, especially visitors, are seen drinking from the sanitary bubblers.

Among Biloxi's beautiful parks is the Naval Reserve, which covers 377 acres in the northwest corner of the city, bordering the Back Bay. There is a fascinating history of the gigantic moss-covered oak trees of the Naval Reserve Park. They were once the property of the U. S. Navy to be used for the construction of warships in case of war. However, the days of the wood battleship passed into history with the coming of the modern steel vessel and the beautiful trees were spared from the woodman's axe. This land was finally turned over to the City of Biloxi for park purposes. A portion of the park is set aside for automobile tourists and campers with all modern conveniences. The Central Beach Park has a community building, pier, roque grounds and other attractions.

A VIEW OF THE EDGEWATER GULF HOTEL

Come to Biloxi, the Peninsular City; your favorite sports are here and all the other considerations which make for your comfort and diversion. Outdoors every month of the year, you can indulge in healthful, stimulating play, and return to your home recreated in mind and body.

But there is another Biloxi and that is the Biloxi in commerce and trade. There are a number of large oyster and shrimp packing plants located on the shores both in front and on Back Bay where several hundred people are given employment during the oyster and shrimp season. There are hundreds of boats that go out to the oyster beds and where the shrimp run, catching this sea food. There are also many boats that go further out to the better fishing grounds after the many kinds of the finny tribe. These boats all unload at the docks of the packing plants, giving Biloxi the largest port from which sea food is shipped in the country.

It is practically assured that the channel from Back Bay will be deepened to ten feet of water which will most materially increase this business.

Work will soon commence on the new bridge that will cross the Bay of Biloxi direct to Ocean Springs which will be another great asset to the city.

Biloxi is also a city of commerce, the business houses are built and operated in metropolitan ways. The banking houses are among the strongest in the state and make a practice of giving the best of service to tourist as well as home people.

There are several large factories in operation, among which is the crushing of oyster shells; the largest of these interests is the Crushed Oyster Shell Company, manufacturers of the Puritan Brand of genuine "Live Reef" crushed oyster shell for poultry.

The civic and social clubs and organizations are composed of the best citizenship of the city and the citizenship of Biloxi is a high one.

The city government is of the commission type and is composed of men of the highest ability, business men who are active and practical in their work. The mayor is Hon. J. J. Kennedy and the other two commissioners are M. L. Michel, city clerk, finance and education; John A. Swanzy, streets, health, sanitation, water and buildings.

PASS CHRISTIAN—The paradise for fishing, bathing, boating, golfing, homes, health, recreation, good highways and happiness. Pass Christian is ideal as a resort for either summer or winter. It has a history that reads like a romance and is numbered among the oldest cities in the country, founded the same year that Biloxi was, in 1699. It, during the past few years, has grown as a resort city and many development projects have been carried through. Henderson Point, which is in Pass Christian on the west has been made one of the scene places of the Coast in the erection of the "Inn-By-the-Sea," an unique hotel built old Spanish style and from time to time additions have been built until today it is reckoned among the leading hotels of the coast country. "Pass Christian Isles" is another fine piece of development work and when completed will be of great worth to that section as a resort proposition. The road leading to the new bridge across Bay of St. Louis from Pass Christian passes through this development.

In the city proper is the "Hotel Miramar" that for several years, under the able management of Capt. S. L. McGlathery, has been, now is and will be for several years to come, the leading hotel of that section and on the Coast

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A SCENE LIKE THIS IS AN ATTRACTION

HON. B. M. WALKER

HON. B. M. WALKER, Mississippi A. & M. College, Miss.---An educator who stands at the head of his profession, now holding the position of president of Mississippi Agricultural & Mechanical College. The life work of Mr. Walker can be divided into three parts, that of education, professional, and business. His education commenced in the common schools of Oktibbeha county, of which he is a native son. His higher education was gained at Mississippi A. & M. College, 1880-1883; B. S. degree, Mississippi A. & M. College, 1883; M. Sc. degree, Mississippi A. & M. College, 1886; student of University of Virginia, summers of 1885, 1886, 1887; graduate work in mathematics, 12 quarters, University of Chicago; Ph. D. degree University of Chicago, 1906; title of thesis: "The Resolution of the Higher Singularities of Algebraic Curves into Ordinary Nodes;" graduate work, University of Goettingen and University of Berlin, Germany. In his professional life Mr. Walker served as instructor in mathematics, Mississippi A. & M. College, 1883-1884; assistant professor of mathematics, 1884-1888; professor of mathematics, 1888-1925; dean of Engineering School, 1922-1925; vice-president of Mississippi A. & M. College, 1913-1925; when he was elected president of the college, the position he now holds with great credit to the college and to himself. As a business man, Mr. Walker is a director in the Security State Bank, of Starkville, Miss.; director and vice-president, Starkville Cotton Oil Company, West Point Cotton Oil Mill; director West Point Ice Company; a large owner of city property in Starkville, and country real estate in Oktibbeha, Clay, Lowndes and Noxubee counties, Miss., and Catahoula Parish, La. He is an active member and a deacon in the Starkville Baptist church. Mr. Walker is a gentleman of the highest citizenship and has many personal friends throughout the entire state.

ROBERT SAMUEL WILSON, Mississippi A. & M. College.----Director of Extension Work for Mississippi. Mr. Wilson was born in Chickasaw county, attending the common schools of that county, working on the farm, but having an ambition to achieve in life's work he decided to attend A. & M. College, entering as a freshman, and in 1904 he graduated in the agricultural department. He has been in this class of work for the past twenty-one years. He came to college twelve years ago as assistant director, and succeeded Director E. R. Lloyd, January 1st, 1919, which position he has held since, and has accomplished much in his work. He is highly educated in the work, holding a B.Sc. degree from the college. As his life has been spent in agricultural work his experience counts in his achievements. As his department covers the state in agriculture and home economics, Mr. Wilson is a very busy man, but he is capable of doing a great deal and his advice is sought from all parts of Mississippi, and often outside of the state. Mr. Wilson is a man of high power energy and a man well fitted for the position that he holds to the satisfaction of the people. He has strong executive ability and he keeps in touch at all times with the many branches of his department. Socially Mr. Wilson is a pleasant gentleman to meet and he is active in many development interests that have a tendency toward the advancement of Mississippi. Mr. Wilson is a member of the Rotarian Club of Starkville and takes part in its deliberations.

ROBERT SAMUEL WILSON

J. R. RICKS

J. R. RICKS, Mississippi A. & M. College.---Director of Mississippi Experiment Stations. Mr. Ricks was born in Choctaw county, Miss., where he received his early education, afterwards attending and graduating from Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical Collge with the degrees of B Sc. and M. Sc. He also took a special work in the University of Illinois and at Cornell College, of Ithaca, N. Y. Thus by education as well as experience he is well fitted for the work that he is doing, which is one of the most particular in the state, for it is at these demonstration stations which are well distributed over the state, one at Poplarville, Pearl River county, in the southwestern part of the state; one at Stoneville, in the Delta section, one at Holly Springs, in the north central part of the state; one at Raymond, in the central part, with the central station at A. & M. College. Each of thse stations are under the management and supervision of skilled and educated men in this particular work, while Mr. Ricks has charge of all of them. At these stations demonstrations are made of what Mississippi will produce in agriculture and horticulture, giving knowledge of the productiveness of the soils of the state. For twenty-two years Mr. Ricks has been in this work and has held his present position for the past ten years, and has done much for the advancement of the state. He is thoroughly wedded to his work and well fitted for it.

H. W. MOODY, A. B., Ph. D., Mississippi A. & M. College.---Dean of School of Engineering of Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College. Professor Moody is a graduate of Cornell College, of Iowa, the University of Chicago, receiving his A. B. degree in the former in 1902, and his Ph. D. degree from the latter in 1912. For fifteen years he has practiced his profession, that of engineering, and since 1914 he has been connected with this college, as dean of the school of engineering since 1925 and as professor of physics since 1914. Under his management this department of A. & M. College has attained a high standing among the institutions of its character throughout the United States. In college fraternal circles he is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and the Sigma Xi, and a member of several societies and organizations pertaining to his profession, among which is the American Physical Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, and the Optical Society of America. In local matters, is a progressive citizen and a member of Rotary International. He is an educated gentleman and a citizen of worth in the position that he holds in the community in which he lives.

H. W. MOODY

J. C. C. PRICE

J. C. C. PRICE, Mississippi A. & M. College.---Horticulturist, Head of the Department of Horticulture of Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College. A man learned in his profession and practical in its operation. Prof. J. C. C. Price is a Virginian by birth and was educated in the high school of Blacksburg, Va., and at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute of the same city. Since 1907 he has been working in this profession and for the past eight years has been connected with Mississippi A. & M. College as head of the horticultural department, in which he has done great and constructive work for the state, materially assisting in the advancement of its horticultural interests. In his work since he graduated from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute he has held the position of Virginia State Crop Pest Commissioner 1907 to 1909; Assistant Horticulturist Alabama Polytechnic Institute 1909 to 1913; Associate Horticulturist Alabama Polytechnic Institute 1913 to 1920; Horticulturist Mississippi A. M. Experiment Station, 1920 to 1925; head of Department of Horticulture since 1925. Prof. Price is an active member of the National Geographic Society, and the American Pomological Society, and takes an active part in the local lodge of Odd Fellows. He is an able organizer and has achieved success in his work and a citizen active in all development work where he can assist it along its road to better things.

for that matter. "The Miramar" is most ideally located facing the waters of the Gulf of Mexico and is a handsome brick building set back under many large trees, which gives it's verandas plenty of shade, making the guests of the hotel feel it a home where every comfort is afforded them. The hotel has thirty-five neatly furnished rooms and facing the Gulf, from which the most beautiful views can be obtained. Considering the service that the visitor receives the rates are most reasonable, being $5.00 per day up, American plan, with special rates on application. Capt. McGlathery is a hotel man to the manor born, and gives his personal attention to the guests of the hotel among which he has many personal friends. There are several other hotels in Pass Christian among which are the "Crescent," "Inn-By-the-Sea," "The Nelson," and "Rest Haven," while standing majestically at the head of the Bay of St. Louis is the "Pine Hills" Hotel, at Pine Hills on the Bay. This hotel is now operated as a club and has one hundred rooms, with a golf course. When you visit the Coast a visit to Pine Hills on the Bay will interest you. The Mexican Gulf is another large piece of development work for the pleasure of those that visit Pass Christian. "Grey Castle" is a new, modern family hotel, facing the Gulf and is the last word in comfort.

SPEED BOATS READY TO START

The city has something like three thousand population, is well supplied with commercial houses and considerable business is done in the packing of sea foods. The Yacht Clubhouse is located at the end of a long pier and has a large pavilion for dancing and parties. The residences as a whole are among the best on the Coast. The "White House" has become famous by reason that President Wilson spent his summer vacation there several years ago.

As a resort Pass Christian will stand well at the top among those of any place in the country. The slogan that the city carries is "Pass Christian, Nature's Gift to the Gulf."

ON THE BEACH—Along the boulevard from Biloxi to Pass Christian there are many scenic places, and it is one of the most beautiful drives in the United States for at every turn of the wheel there is something new that is attractive: now it is a handsome residence, a magnificent hotel, a historical spot or a beautiful view over the Gulf. A special place is the Veterans' Hospital, operated by the United States Government where many soldiers who took part in the World War find a home and skilled medical treatment. The hospital is a group of handsome buildings, some of which are new and several were built at the time that Mississippi was to celebrate its centennial, which on account of the war was abandoned and the site sold to the government.

MISSISSIPPI CITY—This is one of the old towns on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. It was at one time the capital of Harrison county, the old courthouse being torn down but a short time ago. It is quite a residence community, many people doing business in Gulfport living there. There are also several fine residences for summer homes back further on the bayous. It is but a half-mile from the beach.

HANDSBORO—Is another old community and at one time was considerable of a manufacturing place, but is now more of a residential section. It is located on what is known as the "Pass Christian Road" which is paved all the way from Biloxi to Pass Christian and is only a short distance from the Gulf. Back of both Handsboro and Mississippi City is a fast developing fruit section.

WOOLMARKET—Is a progressive community and has a fine school and a high-class citizenship. It is one of the old communities of this section.

LONG BEACH—Is noted for its being the leading trucking and farming section on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Shipments of vegetables, especially radishes and carrots, run high into the hundreds of cars annually. The community is famous for the production of radishes which find a ready market in the North. This vegetable is shipped from there almost every day in the year.

The city also has many beautiful homes and one of the best schools on the coast. The streets are well paved and the water system is perfect in its installation. The citizenship is a progressive one.

LYMAN—Is a sawmill town but the surrounding section is fast being developed in horticulture and kindred lines. It is two miles west of the great Satsuma orange development of the Swan Orchards, and is located on the line of the Gulf & Ship Island branch of the Illinois Central Railroad, ten miles north of Gulfport, and is becoming a large shipping point for trucking and agricultural products. There is considerable development work under project in that vicinity.

SAUCIER—Is located on the line of the Gulf & Ship Island branch of the Illinois Central railroad, and on the paved road leading from Gulfport north to the Stone county line. It is quite a large shipping point for truck and peaches, the peach orchards of the Pioneer Fruit Company being located two miles south of the town. The surrounding country is being well developed and it is a progressive town with a high-class citizenship.

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FRUIT PRODUCTION IS AN ASSET TO THE COAST

JAS. E. TANNER

MR. JAS. E. TANNER, Mississippi A. & M. College.---State Agent in Boys' 4-H Club Work.---Active in promoting Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club organizations since January, 1920. It would take much more space than we are allowed to tell the whole story of the life of Mr. Jas. E. Tanner. He was reared on a farm in Monroe county, Mississippi, and has been active in agricultural development work in Mississippi since leaving college. He received his elementary education in the common schools of his native county, after which he attended the Normal College at Houston, Miss. He then went to the University of Mississippi with the intention of studying law, but the call of the farm was too strong for him and he gave up the idea of studying law and entered Mississippi A. & M. College in 1901. After leaving A. & M. College he returned to his home near Nettleton, Miss., and resumed farm operations. He was appointed county agent in his home county, Monroe, in February, 1911, and served successively as county agent in Monroe, Warren, Panola and Hinds counties. In May, 1917, he was appointed district agent for the Central Mississippi district. There were only two agents in his district at this time, but by June, 1918, every county in his district had employed a county agent. While district agent he gave special attention to dairy development work, especially in organizing Register of Merit Bull Associations in the various counties of his district. Co-operative marketing in his district grew from less than $100,000 in 1917 to $1,200,000 in 1919. As a member of the Extension force of A. & M. College he has done phenomenal work and has the story of his division in another place in this book.

R. C. CARPENTER, Mississippi A. & M. College, Miss.---Professor Mechanical Engineering and Superintendent of Power Plant and Mechanical Equipment. There are many instances where Mississippi has reason to be proud of its native sons and this is particularly one of the times, in the life achievements of Professor R. C. Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter was educated in the common and high schools of Starkville, at the University of Wisconsin, and at Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College. He graduated from the latter in 1895, taking the course of Mechanical Engineering in which he has attained a high position. Mechanical engineering is one of the largest interests of the college and the department is equipped with the most modern apparatus for teaching its students this particular work under the direction of skilled instructors who are educated and also practical in the different branches of mechanical engineering. For twenty-five years Prof. Carpenter has had charge and during this time many young men have gone out into the world and made good in their life's work. In the social and fraternal life of the community Mr. Carpenter is a member of the Masonic order, and active in the work of the local Lions Club. He is also a prominent member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He is an able executive and organizer and a man well fitted for the place he holds, which is justified by the long time he has been in his present high position.

R. C. CARPENTER

LYDA ALEXANDER HIGGINS

LYDA ALEXANDER HIGGINS, Mississippi A. & M. College.---Dairy Husbandman Extension Department. Mr. Higgins is a native of North Carolina, attending the common schools of that state, afterwards graduating from the North Carolina State College, receiving his B. S. degree in agriculture. Since 1910 he has been in this work, coming to Mississippi in 1912 with the Dairy Division, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and became connected with the Dairy Division of the Extension Department of Mississippi A. & M. College in 1915 and for the past thirteen years has held that position. His work calls him to all parts of the state where he works with the dairymen, helping them to build up their stock and assisting in programs that will build a more constructive and profitable industry in all lines of the dairy business. That he has been successful in his work is fully demonstrated from the great increase in the dairy industry in the state during the past decade in which Mr. Higgins has taken a prominent and active part. He is educated in this work and practical in its operation, thus he is a valuable part of the future growth of dairying in the state. In the life of his home community he takes an active part and is a member of the Starkville Rotary Club.

FRANK R. BIRDSALL, Yazoo City, Miss.---Editor and Manager of the Yazoo "Sentinel" and the Birdsall Printing Company. For thirty years Mr. Birdsall has been classed among the leaders in the newspaper world of Mississippi, and one of the best boosters for the state and its institutions. He is a high school graduate and a college man, and after finishing school, he decided that the journalistic field was the best for him to follow as his life's work and in this he has been exceptionally successful. In the life of the state, as well as in his home city, he has held many positions of trust, among which we might cite secretary and treasurer of the Mississippi Delta Levee Board from 1916 to 1920, and is at present a member of the Mississippi State Tax Commission, appointed by Governor Russell to fill out three years unexpired term of Allen McCants, of Meridian, resigned. He was reappointed by Governor Whitfield for four years from April, 1926, and is serving the people faithfully and well in this important office.

He is an active member of the Mississippi Press Association and was the president of that organization in 1910, and has been a member of the Board of Governors for several years, which position he now holds. As a publisher he aims to make his paper the best possible, and the "Sentinel" took first prize at the State Fair in 1926 as the best country paper in the state, also first prize for best editorial on the fair, and the Sentinel has been awarded several other prizes of merit. Mr. Birdsall is a community booster and he initiated the movement for a new hotel and white way for Yazoo City, better roads, better schools, women's club work and anything for the betterment of his home community.

FRANK R. BIRDSALL

F. S. LIEBIG, Yazoo City, Miss.---President and General Manager of the Delta View Cheese Company. Mr. Liebig was born in Germany, but has lived in the United States for the past twenty-one years, receiving his education in the schools of that country and graduated from college as a mechanical engineer. He has lived in Yazoo City for the past year, when he came here to establish this cheese factory, the first enterprise of its kind in the state and in the South for that matter. The business of the plant is growing fast and will undoubtedly be one of the leading interests in that section. At present the capacity is eight thousand pounds of milk a day, which makes one thousand pounds of cheese, which finds a ready market on account of its excellence. Mr. Liebig has been in this business for two years and is skilled in this line of manufacture. Before coming to Yazoo City he was the vice-president and general manager of the Lakewood Ice Company. Being a man of progressive tendency, he has become one of the good boosters of Yazoo City and its surrounding territory. He has purchased 1100 acres of the best pasture land in the county and is stocking it with high grade cows, believing in its great future as a dairying country in the community life of which he takes an active part. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, a Shriner and the Chapter Commandery.

Hancock County

IS THE southwestern of the Mississippi Coast counties. The principal town is Bay St. Louis, while there are several other small towns and communities in many sections of the county, the larger being Kiln and Logtown. Through the county from east to west the Louisville & Nashville railroads operate their lines and the Edward Hines Yellow Pine Trustees also operate a road from Lumberton in Lamar county to Kiln, and it is said that this road will be extended to Bay St. Louis and become commercialized; at present it is used as a logging road. As it connects at Lumberton with the Southern Railroad and would connect at Bay St. Louis with the Louisville & Nashville, it would open up a rich section of country. The lands of Hancock county are about the same as in the other sections of the Coast territory and can be made to produce as well as any. They are ideal for dairying, and there is no doubt but what large dairying interests and development work along these lines will take place in the near future. The whole county has good roads leading to all sections. The two main lines being the link of the "Old Spanish Trail" which crosses the Bay of St. Louis at Bay St. Louis on the new two-mile-long bridge, and the Pearl River, the western boundary of the county near Slidell, La. The other road that is traveled a great deal is the one from Pass Christian by way of Pine Hills on the Bay (paved from Pass Christian to Pine Hills on the Bay) to Kiln and on to Picayune in Pearl River county.

THE PINE HILLS HOTEL ON THE BAY

There are great opportunities for development work in Hancock county as there are thousands of acres of vacant and cut-over lands, but where development has been done the demonstration has been most successful.

BAY ST. LOUIS—Is the capital of Hancock county, and is most attractive for tourists as a resort with its long shell road drives upon the water front, its magnificent liveoaks and stately magnolias, handsome homes and many piers extending out over the waters of the sound and bay. Winter visitors will find excellent facilities for spending the months in comfort and pleasure, the cost being moderate and the abundance of fish providing rare sport for the pleasant days, while the climate and the pure salt breezes are delightful. The nearness to New Orleans also makes it convenient for that city automobilists.

The new bridge across the Bay of St. Louis has been completed and is two miles long. This is a great asset to Bay St. Louis for it gives travelers a direct route without any ferry. The city and county are also building a seawall that takes in the whole beach from Bay St. Louis to Waveland, a suburb of the former; this wall will be completed in the near future.

Bay St. Louis is noted for its beautiful homes, and they are beautiful. The writer has several times visited the home of Mr. Frank Wisner which is the most magnificent on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and Mr. Wisner is one of the most progressive men and public spirited citizens on the Coast.

The city has paved many of the streets during the past few years. Its mercantile houses are of the better

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THE NEW TWO MILES LONG BRIDGE ACROSS THE BAY OF ST. LOUIS

WILL HIGHT

WILL HIGHT, Louisville, Miss.---Editor and Owner of the Winston County Journal, Dealer in Real Estate and Operating Farming Interests.---Mr. Hight is a native of Mississippi and attended the schools of Winston county, but his real education was gained in the school of experience as taught in the printing office. For thirty-five years he has edited the Winston County Journal at Louisville. He has taken an active part in all progressive movements that have helped to build the Louisville of today, one of the best small cities in the state. He has served Winston county in the state legislature and was mayor of the city when quite young. But greatest of all, he has built up a good paper, making it one of the best weekly papers in the state. His plant is modern in its fittings, the best of printing machinery and type being installed, which enables him to print his paper in a modern way and to do all kinds of job printing in the most approved manner. In the social, civic and fraternal life of the community he is a prominent figure and is a member K. of P., Odd Fellows, W. O. W., and Rotary Club, and is also an active member of the local Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Hight is an able writer and active and social gentleman whose courtesy to all whom he meets has made him many loyal personal friends.

A. C. HEMPHILL, Louisville, Miss.---Editor and Proprietor of the Winston County Enterprise, one of the leading weekly papers of that section of the state. Five years ago Mr. Hemphill established this paper and equipped his office in a small way, but by hard work and strict attention to business he has built up his paper until it is a power for good in its community of circulation, which covers Winston and adjoining counties. The plant as it is today is modernly equipped with the best of printing machinery and the latest and most popular faces of type, which enables Mr. Hemphill to do good printing in all of its branches. Mr. Hemphill is a native of Winston county and has practically lived here all of his life, receiving his education in the schools of the county, but in the school of practical experience has been the means of gaining an actual education. In the activities of his home community he is prominent, using the columns of his paper to advocate such measures that will assist in its advancement. At the last general election Mr. Hemphill was a candidate for the state senate.

F. A. (BILL) LIVINGSTON, Louisville, Miss.---Architect and Civil Engineer. Prominent among the men of Louisville who are working for a bigger and better community is that sterling gentleman, Mr. F. A. Livingston, a leading architect and civil engineer. He is a native of Winston county, receiving his education in the schools of the county, afterwards graduating from Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College. Since graduating he has practiced his profession in his home city and has made it a personal proposition to assist in the development of the many resources of that section of the state, especially in mineral products, for Winston county is rich in mineral wealth in lignite, Fuller's earth, moulding and glass sand, pottery and fire clay and many other minerals.

T. L. MELTON, Louisville, Miss.---Extensive dealer in real estate, handling property in the Winston county section of the state. He understands realty values and can furnish any information desired regarding property in that section, especially in Winston county, which is considered in the heart of a county that has greater resources than any part of the state. He owns and has on his lists many desirable properties that he asks you to write him about. Mr. Melton is a progressive citizen who has visions of the greatness of his home community and helps in all development work.

J. W. OVERSTREET, Noxapater, Miss.---Superintendent of the Winston County Agricultural High School and an educator well known in educational circles. This school has a standing second to none in the state. Last year it had over two hundred high school students and graduated forty of them. The athletic teams have made a high reputation in the state for their excellent and gentlemenly sportsmanship. Recently there has been many improvements made in remodeling some of the buildings and dormitories. The school is also improving the dairying herd and poultry plant, teaching a practical education on agriculture and all of its kindred lines. Mr. Overstreet is now in his second year in this school and has done most constructive work for its benefit since coming here.

THE FAIR COMPANY, Louisville, Miss.---F. L. Fair, general manager of The Fair Company Stores, operating a general department store, where anything wanted can be secured under one roof, and where there is to be found a large and well assorted stock to select from. The company also conduct a wholesale grocery store as well as the general store. This is the largest interest in Louisville in the mercantile business, and a complete stock is carried in ladies' and men's ready-to-wear, shoes, bags and a general line of about everything including radio sets and fixtures. The members of the company are well known as progressive business men and citizens that are workers for the uplift of their home section.

R. G. BROWN, Louisville, Miss.---There is no man in Winston county who has taken a more active part in all progressive movements for the betterment of Louisville and Winston county than R. G. Brown. The writer has known him personally for the past five years and know that the foregoing is true. Mr. Brown is the vice-president of the Legan-McClure Lumber Company, whose plant is located at Estes in the southern part of the county. He has served as president of the local Rotary Club, is director in the Mississippi State Board of Development and chairman of the Board of the Southern Industrial Congress.

EDWARD M. LIVINGSTON, Louisville, Miss.---Attorney at Law and highly esteemed citizen. Mr. Livingston is one of Louisville's native sons and has spent the larger part of his life in Winston county, assisting in the upbuilding of the community of his birth. He received his education in the school of the county and graduated from the University of Mississippi. In the social activities of the city he takes a prominent position and is the president of the Rotary Club and a member of the local Chamber of Commerce. He recognizes the great resources of Winston county in mineral wealth and gives active attention towards their further development.

W. S. McAILLY, Louisville, Miss.---Superintendent of Schools of Winston county. A man well able to do this particular work and one who worked faithfully in the advancement of the school system of the county. Today there is the Agricultural High School of Noxapater, and there are fifteen consolidated schools in the county and sixty trucks are run for the purpose of taking the school children to and from school. For a considerable of this excellent system the credit can be given to Mr. McAilly for he spends all of his time on the job. He is a highly educated gentleman and progressive citizen who believes in a great future for that part of the state and will do his part in bringing about a bigger and better community.

LOUISVILLE BRICK AND TILE COMPANY, Louisville, Miss.---R. L. Mitchell, Sr., president; L. H. Stubblefield, secretary and treasurer. This is a new interest for Louisville but will soon become one of the largest in that section. The company will manufacture all kinds of clay products, specializing in hollow building brick and tile. The clay for this purpose is to be found in large quantities in that section of the state, in fact it is about the best for making mingle shade face brick and high class brick of that character. The plant is modern in all of its appointments; the latest model machinery has been installed, all driven by electricity The kilns are of the down draft kind and the best that can be secured. The men at the head of affairs are gentlemen who have lived in Louisville for several years and are well known as public spirited citizens.

SID M. JORDON, Louisville, Miss.---Postmaster and progressive citizen, a man who thoroughly believes in his city, county, and state, and never lets an opportunity pass whereby he can do a good deed or say a good word that will help in its advancement. For several years he has been the efficient postmaster of the city and has faithfully filled the position to the satisfaction of all of the people. He takes pleasure in furnishing any information regarding Louisville and Winston County at any time. He is active in the work of the local Chamber of Commerce and is a true builder for posterity.

LOUISVILLE HOME BANK, Louisville, Miss.---"The Bank of Service." T. J. Lee, president; S. T. Carr, vice-president; W. T. Fulton, active vice--president; Howard Liddell, cashier; F. F. Mitchell, assistant vice-president. The Louisville Home Bank has a capital stock and surplus of over $52,000.00 and resources of a quarter of a million dollars. The officers of the bank are all home people and are numbered among the leading and most substantial business men of that section. They are believers in the future growth of Louisville and Winston county and give all legitimate projects for the betterment of the community their support.

class and cover all marts of trade. There are two banks and several schools and churches. It is a modern city conducted along metropolitan lines.

KILN—Is a sawmill town with fine school buildings and churches. It is surrounded by a rich farming country that will be better developed as time passes on. As the timber is mostly cut off in the whole county, the Edward Hines Yellow Pine Trustees, who own a considerable amount of land in Hancock, Harrison and Pearl River counties, are at present placing this land on the market selling to small farmers, and make those that want a home most attractive propositions.

A VIEW OF THE JORDAN RIVER NEAR KILN

LOGTOWN—Is also a sawmill town, the mills being operated by the H. S. Weston Lumber Company. It is located near the mouth of the Pearl river and there are prospects of a larger community.

Along the Louisville & Nashville railroad there are several small summer resorts, used mostly by the people from New Orleans.

Pearl River County

THERE is no county in the State where greater development has taken place during the past five years. Large tracts of land have been cleared of stumps and broken up into great orchards, vineyards, and trucking. It has been fully demonstrated that the soils of this section are of a nature that will bring forth an abundance when man gets to work on them.

A large portion of this great development has been through the efforts of Hon. L. O. Crosby, Lamont Rowlands and their associates, for they believe in their county and work for its advancement. That they are successful in their efforts is fully demonstrated by results.

From a booklet that Mr. Ferris, of the demonstration station at Poplarville, gave us, we take a great deal of our information for this story of Pearl River county. He knows, and what he says can be depended on as authority, for it is his work. The booklet is well written and covers the story of the county in all its productive energy.

Few sections of America equal Pearl River county, Mississippi, in year-round favorable living conditions and general agricultural opportunities and none excell it.

In latitude—lying south of California and within 25 to 50 miles of salt water, breezes from the Gulf of Mexico temper the extremes of winter and summer, affording a semi-tropical climate mild and healthful at all seasons. The mean annual temperature is around 69 degrees, an ideal temperature for living conditions, never too hot or too cold and with restful nights when the cool breezes make sleeping under some cover the rule even in midsummer.

Great spreading liveoaks festooned with Spanish moss, stately groves of longleaf pines, fragrant magnolias, brilliant hued crepe myrtles, graceful palms and glistening sweet bays afford settings for home sites of restful beauty amid surroundings where flowers bloom every month of the year.

For the seeker of recreation mile after mile of hard surfaced roads await, many of them being highways supported by Federal aid. Forty miles away is the Gulf Coast, the Winter Playground of America. Here are golf, fishing, swimming, sailing and other salt water sports and attractions. The local streams abound with bass and other lesser fish; there is quail and duck hunting galore and even turkeys and deer may be occasionally found. Within the county are fine golf courses, moving picture theaters, ball teams and other amusements. Nearby is New Orleans, noted world-wide for its varied and lavish entertainment.

In purity, softness, abundance, healthfulness and palatability of its water, no place in the world excells Pearl River county. The supply comes as bold springs, flowing artesian wells, clear running streams and an abundant and well distributed rainfall.

Its topography is ideal. The country is elevated in plateaus up to 300 feet above sea level, although within two hours' ride of the coast, drained by clear and swift running streams in the valleys below and there is no marsh or swamp land, a fact accounting for its singular freedom from mosquitoes.

Its soils are fertile, free of stone, hard-pan or alkali, with clay base and sandy loam surface soils, making it physically one of the best of soils for cultivation in large or small tracts. Large areas are available where tractor plows may lay out rows two or three miles long.

Pearl River county is situated in the extreme southern part of Mississippi, being separated by only one county from the Gulf of Mexico. Its desirable location in proximity to the coast and to New Orleans, a steamship port of entry second only to New York. This county is bounded on the west by Pearl river, which separates it from the State of Louisiana. This river is a navigable stream which drains a large portion of the county. The county has a maximum length north and south of 37 miles and an average width in the upper two-thirds of 26 miles. The lower third averages about 12 miles in width. The total area is slightly more than half a million acres.

PEARL RIVER COURTHOUSE AT POPLARVILLE

All of the lands of Pearl River county lie within the Coastal Plain formation, a division of soils which skirt

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WILLIAM A. BOONE

WILLIAM A. BOONE, Pontotoc, Miss.---President of the First National Bank of Pontotoc, Member of the Mississippi Highway Commission, Cotton Factor and Owner of the Pontotoc Brick and Tile Manufacturing Plant. Mr. Boone was born in Toccopola, Pontotoc county, but has lived in the town of Pontotoc for the past twenty-eight years and has been in business there for twenty-seven years. He received his education in the schools of the county and at Toccopola College. In the activities of the town, county and state now enjoy the good roads they possess. He is state director of the Bankhead National Highway Commissioners, to which he was originally appointed by Governor Lee M. Russell, and later was elected for the full term without opposition, and the third term he was elected in the run-off over his opponent by more than a two to one vote, receiving in his home county 2135 votes to his opponent's 84 and 8585 to his opponent's 4107 in the Fourth Congressional District. He was the pioneer in the good roads movement for Pontotoc county and the state of Mississippi, and it was largely through his efforts that his county and state now enjoy the good roads they possess. He is state director of the Bankhead National Highway which runs through Pontotoc county. He served in the executive committee of the State Bankers Association of Mississippi for two terms of four years each. He served on the building committee of the new public school building of the city schools of Pontotoc. He was chairman of the building committee of the First Methodist church, a member of the Masonic orders, a Shriner, member of the Exchange Club, member of the Methodist church and president of the Board of Stewards, served as superintendent of the Sunday School 20 years. He is the father of ten children---seven living. His oldest son, Sanford Lundie, died a few days after having received his A. B. degree at the University of Mississippi. Two died in infancy. Three children are college graduates, two in college and two in public schools. The First National Bank of Pontotoc has grown from a small bank of $15,000.00 capital and deposits of $20,000.00 in 1900, which was organized largely through his efforts, to a bank that today has a capital of $125,000 and deposits of over one million dollars, and assets of a million and a half dollars. He is president, and owner of a large portion of the stock of the Okolona Gin & Brokerage Co., with assets approximating $100,000.

EDMUND T. WINSTON

EDMUND T. WINSTON, Pontotoc, Miss.---Editor of "The Sentinel," Pontotoc County's only paper, and Journalist-Historian, a man who has achieved success in the newspaper field. Mr. Winston is a native of Pontotoc county, receiving his education in the schools of the county and in the school of practical experience in journalism. For forty-three years he has done newspaper work and attained a high position in the field of the art superlative of all arts. Besides his newspaper work, he has written many Indian stories for different publications and many historical sketches in the field of which he is particularly familiar.

Recently he published a little volume of local history, with the title "Father Stuart and the Monroe Mission," from the press of Tell Farmer, Meridian.

Mr. Winston originally established "The Advance" in Pontotoc and published it for twenty years; "The Sentinel" he has published for the past six years, and has made it one of the most readable papers in the state. His printing plant is well supplied with the best of printing machinery and type, which enables him to do a genral printing business.

In the life of Pontotoc county and the town of Pontotoc and the state of Mississippi he has been active in political way as well as in civic improvement. He believes in a great future for this section of the state and is a worker for its betterment.

Mr. Winston served the city of Pontotoc as its mayor in 1921 and 1922, and is first vice-president of the Mississippi Press Association, according to precedent becoming president of the association at the meeting in 1928 at Columbus.

HARDY B. OWEN

HARDY B. OWEN, Pontotoc, Miss ---Sole owner and manager of the H. B. Owen Tie Company, one of the largest business enterprises of Pontotoc county. Mr. Owen is also extensively engaged in farming, having under cultivation a large acreage, owning some ten thousand acres of land in Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama; on these lands he has fruit and timber. Mr. Owen was born in Pontotoc county, attending the schools of the county, but gained his real education in the world of experience. Up to 1907 he devoted his energy to farming, in which he was very successful; in that year he branched out into the cross-tie and lumber business in which further success has come to him, until today Mr. Owen is a very busy man, taking care of his land holdings, his lumber business and his cross-tie activities, besides these he is also a large dealer in real estate. In fraternal and civic circles he takes a high position in his community, is a member of the Masonic order, Shriner, Eastern Star, W. O. W., active in the deliberations of the local Exchange Club and a deacon in the Presbyterian church; he is interested in all development work and a man of the highest citizenship, having the esteem of his fellow acquaintances.

OSCAR J. KNOX, Pontotoc, Miss ---President of the Pontotoc Cotton Seed Oil Mills and Active Vice-President of the Bank of Pontotoc, two institutions that have done much towards the building up and advancement of Pontotoc and its surrounding community. The Bank of Pontotoc was organized in 1889, and is the oldest bank in the county. It is a member of the Federal Reserve System and has a capital stock of $100,000.00. The officers of the bank are numbered among the leading business men of the community and are: A. B. Sneed, president; R. B. Callaway, vice-president; O. J. Knox, active vice-president; J. D. Simmons, cashier; J. I. Wilson, assistant vice-president. The Pontotoc Cotton Seed Oil Mill was established in 1904 by Mr. Knox and under his management it has grown from a small beginning to a mill that has a capacity of taking care of sixty tons of seed daily, besides this the company operate in connection a modernly equipped ice plant and a mattress factory. The bank has recently finished a new bank building at a cost of $30,000, including the fixtures, which is one of the most convenient banking houses in that section of the state. Mr. Knox is always in the forefront with those who are working for the advancement of his home town. He was the first man to advocate good roads in the county and assisted in the building of the new Baptist church. He is also a director of the Mississippi Fire Insurance Co., of Jackson.

CLYDE V. McKEE, Pontotoc, Miss.---Superintendent of the Public School of Pontotoc. For the past two years Mr. McKee has been at the head of this school and has worked hard for its advancement, in which he has been most successful, until today the school has an enrollment of over six hundred students and twenty teachers are given employment. The school recently completed a new grammar school, and has a fine building for high school work. There are tweny-five acres in the school grounds, where there is located one of the best athletic fields in the state. A new colored school has been recently established in the city. Mr. McKee is an able educator and an executive that well fits him for this particular work, and is popular with the people of Pontotoc and its surrounding section.

JAMES SAMUEL EATON, Taylorsville, Miss.---Merchant and Honored Citizen.---The life's work of this esteemed gentleman has been an active one. He has been and is a man who holds the esteem of all who know him. Mr. Eaton was born in Covington county, Miss., receiving his schooling in the schools of Smith county and at Mississippi College. For sixty-five years his life has been an active business one, and he was associated with his brother, the late William J. Eaton, dealing in general merchandise under the firm name of Eaton Brothers for sixty-three years. In 1926 the present company was incorporated under the name of Eaton Brothers, Inc., and Mr. Eaton became its president. He is also the president of the Smith County Bank. Mr. Eaton has at all times taken a personal interest in his home county, and has served the county in the state legislature. In the senate for eight years and in the house of representatives six years. He was also elected to serve an unexpired term in the senate, but was never sworn in. When Mr. Eaton and his brother first came to Taylorsville, it was almost a forest, they building their store among the pine trees. He was located there when the Laurel branch of the G. & S. I. Railroad was built through that section.

the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Seaboard from Texas to North Carolina and is one of the largest soil divisions in the United States. It was from this soil that the largest acre yield of corn ever grown was harvested. Prof. E. B. Ferris, director of the South Mississippi Experiment Station states: "The best farming I have ever seen in the South was on Coastal Plain soils and the heaviest yield of cotton I have ever seen, three bales to the acre, was made on this soil."

VIEWS AT THE SOUTH MISSISSIPPI DEMONSTRATION STATION AT POPLARVILLE

For detailed information about the general contour of the county as well as its divisions in general soil types the reader is referred to a soil survey of this county made very recently by the U. S. Bureau of Soils, United States Department of Agriculture and which gives fully all the information which might be required by anyone wishing to know more about this particular section. This can be had for the asking.

This county was originally covered with a virgin growth of longleaf pines which now is and for several years has been the chief building and construction timber used east of the Mississippi river. Many of the fine homes of the North as well as of the South are built of this lasting timber. It was because of the fact that this timber was a valuable merchantable product which could be harvested only gradually and in an orderly manner, that so much fertile agricultural land in our county has remained undeveloped. The brains, the brawn and the money of the county have been engaged in the lumber business until now there are vast tracts of cut-over land that await development at the hands of farmers in the wake of the sawmills.

That development is well underway is indicated by the U. S. Agricultural Census which showed for Pearl River county a greater increase in the number of farms over the 1920 census of any county of southern Mississippi. A significant proof of this being a "white man's county" is the statement of this census that of all the farms in the county only 69 were owned by negroes.

All of the standard crops of the South grow in abundance here. Any crop in the United States may be produced here though all may not be suited to commercial production. The fact is that the loamy nature of the soils gives them a perfect physical make-up. They are easily prepared and cultivated and a complete failure in crops such as many soils sometimes experience is entirely unknown in the county.

Corn is perhaps planted in a larger acreage than other crops and with the corn is planted velvet beans, a leguminous, land improving crop which is left in the field for the winter grazing of cattle after the corn is harvested, the residue enriching the soil. Soybeans and cowpeas are also grown with corn, detracting little from the yield of corn and themselves making substantial yields of very concentrated feeds. At the South Mississippi Experiment Station yields of 75 bushels of corn per acre have been made.

Cotton is the next most important farm crop produced in the county and the acreage being devoted to this crop is being rapidly increased. In conversation with the county agricultural agent we have learned that the percentage increase in cotton acreage is approximately 150 per cent and this increase will continue as the people learn more and more how to grow this cotton by proper cultural methods and liberal fertilization. Prof. E. B. Ferris of the South Mississippi Experiment Station has consistently been able to make a bale or more of cotton per acre and considers this land equal to any in the South for the production of cotton.

Sugar cane for syrup making is one of the best crops

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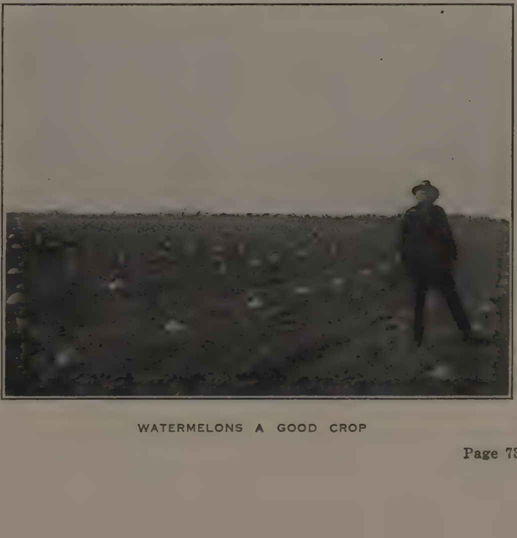

WATERMELONS A GOOD CROP

J. A. TERRAL

J. A. TERRAL, Quitman, Miss.---Mayor of Quitman, and underwriting a full line of insurance, operating a bonding business. Among the many men of Mississippi that the writer has met in the gathering of information for this work, we have a very vivid recollection of our talk with the subject of this sketch, Mr. J. A. Terral, mayor of Quitman. His visions of a greater community are of that substantial and practical order that with the co-operation of the citizens of that community cannot but work to much good for the city and its surrounding territory. Mr. Terral has lived in Quitman all of his life, receiving his education in the schools of the city and at the University of Mississippi, afterwards attending a business college, to more perfectly fit him for an active business life. He has served as mayor of the city for over five years, a position he is well fitted to fill. In fraternal circles he is a 32d degree Mason, Shriner, K. of P., and of the Junior Order of American Mechanics. Mr. Terral is a man of high business ability and a citizenship that places him among the leaders in the state.

LEON T. ROGERS, Shubuta, Miss.---Banker and a Live-Wire Citizen. The town of Shubuta has several progressive men who are working for the advancement of that section of the state. Among these who have been active in the work is Leon T. Rogers, active vice-president of the Peoples Bank of Shubuta, a young progressive bank of southeast Mississippi. Mr. Rogers was born in Collins, Covington county, Mississippi. Born on a farm, he followed that vocation for a time, and to finish his education he attended the Bowling Green Business University, at Bowling Green, Ky. He then followed bookkeeping for a time, and for eight years has been in the banking business, three years as active vice-president of the Bank of Shubuta. During the World War he served in the army. In the fraternal life of Shubuta he is a Mason and K. of P., and a leader in the social and civic life of the town. In development work to build up a greater community Mr. Rogers takes an advanced position, believing that there are great opportunities in that part of the state for dairying and the raising of chickens; in these he is particularly interested. Mr. Rogers also believes that the growing of fruit in Clark county would be a good investment.

LEON T. ROGERS

J. REESE ROGERS

J. REESE ROGERS, Shubuta, Miss.---Cashier of the Peoples Bank of Shubuta. Mr. Rogers was born in Collins, Covington county, Miss., and received his early schooling in the schools of that city, afterwards graduating from the Bowling Green College at Bowling Green, Ky. Believing that Mississippi, his native state, had great future possibilities, he decided to make it his future home. For ten years he was engaged in the wholesale lumber business at Meridian, giving that business up three years ago to accept his present position as cashier of the Peoples Bank of Shubuta. He believes that the great resources of Mississippi should be developed, that the lands of the state, and especially his home community, are capable of producing about any crop that is planted and taken care of; that "Mother Earth" be given the chance to produce one hundred per cent of what it is fitted in richness to do. For these reasons Mr. Rogers is ever ready to give his assistance in all projects that will further the cause of agriculture. In the social and civic life of Shubuta Mr. Rogers is prominent and is a member of the local lodge of K. of P.

W. E. CALHOUN, Shubuta, Miss.---Merchant and Leading Business Man and Citizen. The town of Shubuta is well known for its high class citizenship and progressive business men. Most prominent among these, who take an advanced position is the subject of this short editorial mention, Mr. W. E. Calhoun. Mr. Calhoun was born in Clayton, Ala., receiving his education in the high school of Brundidge, Ala, Old Southern University, of Greensboro, Ala., and graduated from the University of Alabama with the class of 1921. Four years ago he came to Shubuta and entered the mercantile business, in which he has been most successful in building up a large patronage extending throughout the Shubuta trade territory. Mr. Calhoun is a believer in better schools, and has taught school nine years of his life, and has been very much interested in the establishing of the splendid school system of Clark county. In school fraternity societies he is a member of the Phi Kappa Alpha. He enlisted in the army during the World War and served for eleven months in France.

W. E. CALHOUN

WILLIAM J. PATTON, Shubuta, Miss.---Merchant and Progressive Business man. In the activities of the life of Shubuta and Clark county, there is no man who takes a stronger or more advanced position than William J. Patton, the junior memeber of the firm of W. H. Patton & Son, general merchants, handling general merchandise, farm machinery and undertaking and embalming. Mr. Patton was born in Shubuta and has lived here all of his life, attending the schools of the town and graduating from Mississippi College. At an early age he entered into a business life with his father, Mr. W. H. Patton, who has been a business man of Shubuta since 1865. His son, the subject of this editorial mention, having been associated with him for over twenty years. Mr. Patton is a director of the Peoples Bank of Shubuta, and in the fraternal life of the town is a member of the Masonic orders, K. of P., and has held the office of president of the Mississippi Funeral Directors Association. He takes an active interest in the advancement of intense and diversified farming and assists the farmer wherever he can. In the building of the new school building he was active and gave his assistance wherever he could.

DR. JAMES TURNER GOOGE, Quitman, Miss.---Physician and Surgeon. There is no man in a community that holds a higher position in its life than the doctor, for to him is delegated the problem of public health, which means much to the advancement of the community. The doctor sees to it that the sanitary conditions are as perfect as possible and that improvements in this special line are increased as a community grows. Dr. Googe recognizes his obligations to the public and is a man that does things in his special work. He is a native of Prentiss county, Miss., and practiced his profession in that county and was the county health officer for a time, and was in the service of the United States department of health, stationed at Ellis Island, New York, for two years and has served on the staff of the Mississippi Insane Hospital, at Jackson. Miss. Dr. Googe received his higher education in George Robinson Christian College, of Henderson, Tenn., receiving his B.S. degree from that institution, and his medical degree was received when he graduated from the University of Tennessee. He is at present a director of the health department of Clark county.

for this section. It is easily possible to make four or five hundred gallons of syrup to the acre from the average lands and actual yields of more than a thousand gallons per acre have been made in exceptional cases. This syrup has no superior as a table delicacy, rivaling the maple syrup of the East for a ready market.

The loamy lands of the county are the home of the sweet potato and produce potatoes of a superior quality as to size and taste. The average yield of sweet potatoes over the state as a whole is around 100 bushels per acre but in this county under average conditions and over large areas, yields of 250 bushels per acre are repeatedly made. This is true of a number of crops requiring a heavy rainfall, well distributed, which is afforded, due to the proximity to the coast. The newly cleared lands are especially suited to sweet potatoes because they are free from obnoxious weeds and grasses and practically no cultivation is required when the crop is once started.

ONE OF PEARL RIVER COUNTY'S CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

The importance of legume crops as land improvers is now so generally known that it hardly needs mention. A wide variety of such crops are adapted to this county. A long growing season makes possible the growing of some legume on every acre every year as compared with a legume in every third or fourth year in the North. Velvet beans which have already been mentioned, grow with a luxuriance hardly to be imagined by those who have never been in this section.

Soybeans of many varieties grow to perfection and may be grown after an earlier crop has been removed from the land. They make heavy yields of hay and grain.

Cowpeas, especially local varieties, flourish here. At the present time one of the outstanding crops of the section is a pea known locally as the "Six-Weeks Pea" from which two crops per year are always harvested, with three crops possible by very early and late planting. These peas make an enormous yield of fruit which has a value not only as a stock feed, but is also considered as a table delicacy by all who are familiar with it.

Lespedeza (Japan clover) is so well adapted to this county that it is growing wild through the woods and open land. S. W. Greene, animal husbandman of the Coastal Plain Experiment Station, tells us he prefers lespedeza hay to alfalfa because of its feeding value, heavy yields and ease of curing and handling. It is fine stemmed and may be cut and put in the barn the same day, being even easier to cure than timothy.

COTTON AND PECANS

Many winter legumes such as vetches and bur clovers are grown for land improvement and pasturage.

Within the county are located two experiment stations, a state station at Poplarville dealing with soils, fertilizers, general crops and horticulture and a Federal station at McNeill dealing with livestock, hays, pastures, and forestry. Many publications are available from these stations dealing with the best method of handling these soils, whether they are to be used for the production of standard field crops, for fruits and vegetables, for pastures and forage crops or even for reforestation which is rapidly coming into notice as a means of utilizing parts of this vast area of cut-over land that is not now

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SATSUMA GROVE AT M'NEILL

ANOTHER SATSUMA GROVE

HON. WEBB WALLEY

HON. WEBB WALLEY, Leakesville, Miss.---State Treasurer and a Live Wire Mississippian. Mr. Walley is one of Greene county's native sons, and lived on the farm attending the common schools; later he attended Mississippi Heights Academy, University of Mississippi, and the University of Chicago. After leaving school he taught for seven years, and was with the Mississippi Tax Commission for a time and was a traveling saleman for three years, selling advertising. He was Indian agent at Washington, D. C., in educational work. Returning to his home county he was soon afterward elected sheriff, serving from 1920 to 1924. At the election last fall Mr. Walley was elected state treasurer without opposition, and is a man well fitted by education and practical experience to administer that office with one hundred per cent efficiency. As a citizen of Mississippi he is a great believer in the future greatness of the state and of the section in which he was born and lived. He is an affable gentleman to meet and most democratic in his ways, popular and highly esteemed with his many friends.

DUNCAN L. BRYANT

DUNCAN L. BRYANT, Leakesville, Miss.---Secretary and Treasurer of the Leakesville Veneer and Lumber Company, manufacturers of Veneer of the higher quality. Mr. Bryant is also the office manager. He is a native of Covington county, Miss., and has lived in Mississippi all of his life, receiving his education in the schools of the state and A. & M. College. For the past seven years he has been in the lumber business, coming to Leakesville four years ago and entered the veneer business. The mill is modernly equipped and has an annual output of 3,500,000 feet of highest grade veneer, and is the largest mill in that section of the state. Besides this business Mr. Bryant has large farm interests and does general farming. In the life of Leaksville and Greene county Mr. Bryant is one of the leading citizens, and has given his assistance to all movements that tend toward the advancement of the community, being numbered among those men who have greater visions for the future and are real "builders" standing high among his fellow citizens along progressive lines and at the same time holds the esteem of a legion of warm personal friends. In fraternal life he is a member of the Hattiesburg lodge of Masons.

EMMETT H. WALKER, Leakesville, Miss.---County Agent of Greene county. Mr. Walker is an educated practical farmer, which especially fits him for the work he is doing. He is a native of Clay county, receiving his education in the schools of the county and is a graduate of A. & M. College, and owns and operates a large plantation near West Point. For some time he was connected with the extension service of A. & M. College and the United States Department of Agriculture. For eight years he was the efficient superintendent of schools of Clay county, a position that he filled to the satisfaction of all the people. Mr. Walker is a true Mississippian, a man with visions for greater things for the state. He believes in organization and co-operation whereby a real building program may be successful. He is a "go-getter" and hustler, understands the merit of soils and what are the best crops to fit them; he knows how land should be prepared to get the greatest efficiency in their productive energy. In civic and social life he marches along in the front rank and is a member of the Masonic Bodies and the Eastern Star. In his public work Mr. Walker has become well konwn in many parts of the state.

JOHN H. BERRY, Leakesville, Miss.---Senior Partner and Manager of the J. H. Berry Lumber Company, Farmer and Pecan Grower. Most prominent among the business men of Leakesville who are "builders" of their home community, and one who stands high among his fellow-citizens, is John H. Berry, a gentleman standing high in the progressive citizenship of Leakesville and Greene county. He received his education in the common schools of Washington county, Ala., which was his birthplace. He also attended school for a time at A. & M. College, Miss. Twenty-five years ago he came to Leakesville and five years after launched out into the lumber business, a business he has been engaged in since that time with success. The mills as operated today have a capacity of four million feet of pine and hardwood lumber annually, and are modern in their equipment, the company building and equipping a new mill six years ago. Mr. Berry takes an active part in the civic and fraternal life of Leakesville, has served the town on its Board of Aldermen, and is a member of the local lodge of Masons. He owns a twenty acre pecan grove with trees twelve years old which bears an estimated crop of around 3,500 pounds of pecans, which makes it a profitable undertaknig.

HOWARD D. THOMAS, Pachuta, Miss.---Banker, Cashier of the Bank of Pachuta. In the building up of a community there is no person who takes a more active position than the banker, and no institution, than the bank he represents. In fact the bank is the index of all activities and progressive movements that go to make up the advancement of the section that it represents. Pachuta has one of the best and most ably conducted banks in that part of the state, and its cashier, Mr. Howard D. Thomas, is one of the best bankers. For twenty-two years Mr. Thomas has been in the banking business, eight years of which has been with the Bank of Pachuta. He is a native of Decatur, Newton county, receiving his education in the schools of that county and at Poplarville College; he also attended the University of Mississippi and Mississippi College. For several years he lived in Picayune, Miss., and while there served on the Board of Aldermen and was mayor there for six years. He is active in the life of Pachuta and has been the mayor of that town for six years. He is a worker for all of the people of his home section, and has assisted most materially in all good roads work. The Bank of Pachuta is a credit to the town and is equal to any in a great many large towns in the state.

DR. HORACE C. WATKINS, Quitman, Miss.---Physician and Surgeon. County health officer. Probably the most important department in the government of a city, county and state is that of "health," for good health is the best asset that can be had in all functions of life. Thus it is necessary that the men at the head of this department should be men who understand the particular conditions of the community over which they control. In this particular instance Clark county is to be congratulated in having so able and educated a man as Dr. Horace C. Watkins. For twenty years Dr. Watkins has resided and practiced medicine and surgery in Quitman and is a most successful practitioner. He was born in Yantley, Ala., and educated in the schools of that town and the University of Tennessee, at Nashville, Tenn., and has held the position of health officer of Clark county, doing such efficient work that the county has one of the best health records in the state. Dr. Watkins stands for anything that talks progress and the advancement of his home community. He is active in school work and his name is inscribed as one of the principal promoters of the Clark County Agricultural High School. Good schools, good churches, and good roads are his active work in his home city and county.

J. L. ADAMS, Quitman, Miss.---Attorney at Law, City Clerk and Alderman. To make a community really progressive in its development there must be men who really believe in its future advancement, men who are willing to give that assistance that will help to build bigger and better. In Quitman there are several men of this character, prominent among whom we are pleased to speak of is Mr. J. L. Adams, one of the city's leading attorneys. Mr. Adams believes in his town and its surrounding community and never misses an opportunity to say a good word regarding its many natural resources. A man of this character is a true "builder." Mr. Adams was born in Clark county, attended the schools of the county, and graduated from the law school of Millsaps College, of Jackson, Miss. After graduating and receiving his degree in law he returned to his native county and for the past twenty-two years has practiced his profession here. He is associated with Hon. S. H. Terral in the practice of law, under the firm name of Terral & Adams. He is now serving as a member of the board of aldermen of Quitman, and is the city clerk of that progressive town. As a fraternal man he is a member of the Masonic Order, and a Past Master of the local lodge; he is also a member of the K. of P., and an Odd Fellow.

needed for agriculture. In addition to the work of the experiment stations the county hires an agricultural agent and many of the schools have agricultural men hired for the full twelve months. The railroads also have specialists to advise in the growing and marketing of farm products.

Attention has been attracted to Pearl River county in the past few years because of its wonderful possibilities for horticultural and truck crops to supply the early northern markets. It is interesting to note what prominent horticulturists think of this county. Mr. George E. Murrell, horticulturist of the Southern Railway, who has had a wide experience in orchard work in the East, was so impressed with the horticultural possibilities that he has spent practically half of his time in this county in the past few years and has been responsible for many of the developments under way.

VISITORS COME TO SEE CROPS GROWING AT SOUTH MISSISSIPPI EXPERIMENT STATION, POPLARVILLE

Prof. J. L. Lusk, head of the State vocational training work, says after years of residence on the Pacific coast and world-wide observation: "The conditions in Pearl River county for horticultural success are unsurpassed anywhere." He has adopted this county as his home and horticulture as his vocation.

Particular attention has been given to plantings of Satsuma oranges, the superior of all the citrus fruits in both quality and flavor. This hardy little tree is a native of Japan and is perfectly at home in the mild climate of Pearl River county where it is being planted by the thousands of acres. A demonstration orchard at the experiment station at McNeill has been bearing heavy crops for the past ten years and has attracted a great deal of attention. In the neighborhood of this orchard several orchard companies have already planted hundreds of acres of this fruit and one company alone is developing 1,000 acres principally to Satsumas. This promises to be the greatest commercial horticultural crop of the county.

Peaches also are being put out in large areas and have been very successful because of the high quality of the fruit, the very vigorous growth of the trees and the early ripening period. Each season iced carloads of peaches are shipped daily from McNeill and Carriere as well as large local sales from other points in the county. This crop has been very profitable.

Pecans have their native home in this section where many of the choice improved varieties originated. This nut is more in demand than any other nut on the market and always commands a fancy price. It is a stable crop grown by every farmer and horticulturist. Many fortunes have been built around this crop.

Trucking is by no means a new industry for the county, as shipments have been made from McNeill to the northern markets for a period of twenty years. Early snap beans is the principal truck crop and these go out in car lot shipments from many points in the county.

At McNeill, Prof. E. B. Ferris found strawberries the most profitable crop grown and within a 100-mile radius five million dollars worth of this fruit is shipped annually.

Vegetable gardens greatly reduce the cost of living in this section as well as increasing the healthfulness of living. Green vegetables of some kind may be had form the gardens every day of the year.

"The coastal plain area of the Gulf States within which lies Pearl River county, offers certain natural and economic advantages for livestock production equaled by no other section of the United States. The chief natural advantage which influences many aspects of animal husbandry is that of climate." We quote from Mr. S. W. Greene, director of the Coastal Plain Exueriment Station at McNeill.

A growing season for crops of 240 days and a grazing season of 270 days, which by the use of winter grazing crops of rye or oats may be extended to 365 days, is not the exception but an average which may be depended upon. Since the basis of profitable livestock production is the utilization of cheaply produced pasture and forage crops, this section enjoys an advantage best appreciated by farmers of states farther north who have growing seasons of approximately half as long with extended and expensive winter feeding periods.

Coupled with the long growing season is an abundant annual rainfall that is well distributed. This is particularly true of Pearl River county which has an average rainfall around 60 inches. Such a rainfall is essential for the maximum growth of pasture, hay and silage crops.

Pastures of carpet grass, lespedeza (Japan clover),

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A HOME IN PEARL RIVER COUNTY

A GROVE OF PECAN TREES

DR. R. C. ELMORE

DR. R. C. ELMORE, Durant, Miss.---Physician and Surgeon. Dr. Elmore for twenty years has filled a particular place in the life of Durant and Holmes county. For it has been allotted to him on account of his profession to take care of the health of the community, and that he has done this all people of Durant and its surrounding section will testify. But with all of his busy life in his practice Dr. Elmore has found time to give his assistance in all matters that are calculated for the betterment of the community in which he lives. He thoroughly believes that the future will bring forth great results in development work, and that section will in fact become one of the most prosperous in the state. Dr. Elmore is a native of Kentucky, his parents moving to Mississippi during his early childhood. He attended the schools of Mississippi and is a graduate of Mississippi Agricultural & Mechanical College, and from the medical department of Vanderbilt University. Twenty-four years he has practiced his profession, twenty years of which has been in Durant. For four years he was one of the trustees of the State Insane Hospital, where his skill and expert knowledge was of great worth to that institution. He is now the district surgeon of the Iillinois Central Railroad. In the life of Durant he is a prominent figure and active in the work of the local Chamber of Commerce, helping in its organization and was the first president; a Mason and a Shriner. Dr. Elmore served two years during the World War, entering as first lieutenant in the medical corps in August, 1917; promoted to captain in October, 1917, and major, medical corps, in August, 1918.

GEORGE ROBERT BENNETT, Durant, Miss.---Educator.---Superintedent of the Durant High School for eight years. For twenty years Mr. Bennett has been in school work and is numbered among the most able educators in the state, and for eight eyars he has held his present position, building up this school to a high position among our educational institutions, a school that the people of Durant can well be proud of. Mr. Bennett was born in Camden, Madison county, Miss., receiving his early education in the schools of that community, afterwards graduating from Millsaps College. After graduating he decided that teaching would be his life's work and in all instances he has made that work a success. For eight years he was the efficient superintendent of schools of Madison county and did considerable constructive work in placing the schools of that county on a high plane in educatinal efficiency in organization. In college fraternity societies he is a member of the Kappa Alpha. He is also a member of the K. of P. and the Modern Woodmen of America.

GEORGE ROBERT BENNETT

J. L. LONGINOTTI, Durant, Miss.---Mayor of Durant and Leading Dry Goods Merchant. Mr. Longinotti was born in Durant and has made that town his home all of his life, receiving his education in the schools of the town and attended Mississippi College for two years. For the past seven years he has been in the mercantile business, in which he has been successful. He is a young man with advanced progressive ideas and the ability to put them in force. During his administration as mayor he has been instrumental in making many improvements especially in the paving of the main streets of the town and building new sidewalks, making Durant one of the best of the smaller towns in the state. He has given his assistance and active work in the bringing of the new cheese factory here, which is of great benefit to the whole community, giving the farmers a market for the milk from their dairies, and these are only a few of the objectives that he has reached in the upbuilding of Durant and its trade territory. In college fraternal societies Mr. Longinetti is a member of the Kappa Alpha; he is also an active member of the Masons, and works with the local Chamber of Commerce in their building projects.

LEXINGTON HOTEL AND CAFE, Lexington, Miss.---E. E. Huffstetter, Proprietor. This is the leading hotel of Lexington and has been in operation for the past three years under its present management. There are seventeen rooms and a well managed cafe is operated in connection. Mr. Huffstatter has been in the hotel business several years and knows well how to take care of his guests, giving excellent service to the commercial men who are his particular patrons. He is a native Mississippian, born in Union county, and educated in the New Albany High School.

J. H. THOMAS

J. H. THOMAS, Crystal Springs, Miss.---Secretary and Treasurer of the Copiah Lumber Company and prominent citizen.---In the business interests of Crystal Springs and Copiah county there are several men at the head of affairs that have been most successful, prominent among which is Mr. J. H. Thomas, the secretary and treasurer of the Copiah Lumber Company. Mr. Thomas was born in the town of Johns, Miss., receiving his education in the D'Lo High School and his business education in Draughan's Business College, of Jackson, Miss. He started work when only eighteen years of age with the Finkbine Lumber Company, of D'Lo, and later he went with Salmen Brick & Lumber Company, of Slidell, La., after which he accepted his present position which he has held for the past five years. Mr. Thomas is a true Mississippian and believes in the state and its institutions, never passing up an opportunity to assist in its progress and advancement. In the activities of the life of Crystal Springs he takes a prominent part and is an active member of the Masonic Lodge.

BRYANT WESLEY MATHIS, Crystal Springs, Miss.---Owner and operator of Fairview Plantation, specializing in truck and produce farming.---Mr. Mathis has fully demonstrated that success can be achieved in this line of endeavor. He was born in the village of Redborn, Warren county, Miss., and received his education in the public schools of Copiah county, afterwards one session at the University of Mississippi. After leaving school he taught school for five years. 1883 he bought a twenty-acre farm one mile from the present city of Crystal Springs and started in the trucking and fruit raising business, being a pioneer in this business in Copiah county, which has made him known as the "Cabbage King" of that section. Forty years ago he shipped his first car load of cabbage out of the state, since that time his business has grown until today he ships, during the season, as many as five car loads a day. Mr. Mathis was also the pioneer in strawberry culture until it was taken up extensively in Louisiana, when he decided to devote his time and energy to trucking and cotton growing, and in the latter he produces one and one-half bales to the acre. Mr. Mathis is the largest individual truck grower in Mississippi. He was offered a large salary to go to Texas and develop trucking in that state, but preferred Mississippi. He is a cultured gentleman and has many warm personal friends.

Dallas grass and Vase grass do not have names familiar outside of this particular area, but it is sufficient to say that they are well adapted to the soils and have a greater carrying capacity over a longer period than perhaps any other pastures in the United States.

Cropping systems vary because of the great variety of crops that can be grown. Soybeans grow here to perfection and are utilized chiefly for hay. Lespedeza, a legume equal in feeding value to alfalfa, is a general hay crop yielding 1 1-2 to 3 tons of cured hay per acre. Sorghum planted for silage after a crop of oats has given yields of 20 tons per acre. An average tonnage greater than secured from corn in the corn belt may be exepected.

JUST A SCENE IN PEARL RIVER COUNTY

Velvet beans grown with corn is a crop of high value generally grown for winter feed. Cottonseed meal, a southern by-product, is always available for fattening cattle.

Livestock needs no protection from cold and only the most inexpensive buildings are necessary for shelter.

Land is relatively cheap and wide choice is open for selecting large or small holdings.

To the man experienced in handling stock—either beef cattle, dairy cattle or hogs—who will adapt his methods to suit conditions, this section apparently offers many inducements not obtainable elsewhere.

The same advantages of mild climate and long growing season that apply to livestock production also apply in a large measure to poultry raising which is fast increasing. In the county already are several hatcheries of large capacity which are unable to meet demands.

Pearl River county has the most advanced system of schools of any county in the state. This is not a matter of local opinion, but a fact known in educational circles throughout the United States, due to the publicity secured when the county was selected by the General Education Board of New York City as the model school system of the state and as beneficiary in its financial program for such schools. Educational leaders from all parts of the Union have visited this county to study the system of consolidated schools.

The system centers around the county agricultural high school and junior college, which offers two years of college work credited for entrance in the state universities. Adjoining the high school farm is the farm of the South Mississippi Experiment Station which is credited by the U. S. Department of Agriculture as being one of the most advanced branch experiment stations of this country.

In twenty-two communities distributed throughout the county are consolidated schools to which the children in the surrounding country are transported in motor trucks over hard surfaced roads. These schools teach all grades from primary through the high school course and all of them are accredited for entrance of their graduates to the universities of the state. This system offers an ideal opportunity for children to secure a liberal education even tho their parents are not financially able to send them on to the higher institutions of learning.

The county pays the highest salary rate for teachers of any in the state. The principal must be a college graduate and the teachers must be trained in the normal schools for teachers. Six of the schools have agricultural funds for full twelve months' service to the school and farmers of the community. All of the schools teach practical agricultural work such as vaccinating, spraying, cultural practice, terracing, fertilizing and home projects in the growing of farm crops.

A stranger driving through the county and coming upon one of the magnificent brick consolidated schools electrically lighted, furnished with deep well water or artesian wells, a teachers' home erected on the grounds, lawns shaded and well kept, basket ball courts and playgrounds, will wonder at the foresight of the people of the county in providing such work shops for the production of good citizens. And the people are indeed proud of their work. The school serves as the community center, as a community forum, a meeting place for farmers' organizations, community fairs, Sunday schools, singing schools, women's clubs, Parent-teachers' association, motion pictures and other forms of amusement. Here are inculcated the ideals of higher standards of citizenship, higher standards of living and higher ideals of home life.

The schools of the county are an endowment of the people based on the belief that their children are the greatest assets of the state and the county.

It is pleasing to note that Pearl River county which has a national reputation for its public school system, the number and quality of its consolidated high schools, Junior college and experiment stations, has also kept step in religious matters and has represented various Christian churches, and in keeping with the requirements of these conditions, a well trained ministry to minister to the religious needs of the people. The Sabbath school work is on a high plane and the children are instructed in the great fundamental principles of life that qualify

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WILLIAM N. YATES

WILLIAM N. YATES, Collins, Miss.---A man who has done a great deal towards the upbuilding of Collins and its surrounding community, and who still makes his home there, although his headquarters are at Hattiesburg, as salesman for the H. C. Cole Milling Company, of Chester, Ill., traveling the southern part of Mississippi and southwestern Louisiana. Mr. Yates was born in Covington county and until he was thirty years of age worked at farming, receiving his education in the schools of the county. For twelve years he was in the mercantile business in Collins, until he accepted his present position. In the civic life of his home community he has taken an active part and has served as a member of the Board of Aldermen, is a member of the Elks and Odd Fellows. Mr. Yates is a firm believer in the future greatness of Mississippi and a willing worker for its advancement along all lines of developing the resources of the state. He is an able and successful business man and a pleasant gentleman to meet, which has made him many warm personal friends.

JOE B. BYRD, Mt. Olive, Miss.---Secretary Board of Trade, business man and leading citizen.---Mr. Byrd is one of Mt. Olive's native sons and has spent the larger part of his life here. He received his education in the common and high schools of Mt. Olive, high school at Poplarville, Mississippi Heights Academy, Blue Mountain, and is a graduate of Bowling Green University of Bowling Green, Ky. Mr. Byrd's business life has been an active one. He was for a time in business in Jonesboro, Ark., was manager for a hardware concern in Hattiesburg and was in business for himself in that city. Eight years ago he returned to Mt. Olive and established his present business, that of general merchandising and cotton buying. He also operates a large farm just south of Mt. Olive of some six hundred acres, growing cotton and corn mostly. In the social and religious life of his community he takes an active part and is the superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School, a position he has held for several years. Mr. Byrd is a firm believer of a great future for Mississippi and especially his home section of the state and never passes up an opportunity to assist in the development along lines of endeavor.

JOE B. BYRD

E. E. POLK, Mt. Olive, Miss.---Among the mercantile establishments of Covington county deserving of mention in this review of Mississippi Today is that conducted by Mr. E. E. Polk, owner and mnager of the J. H. Polk & Sons merchandise store. This business was established three years ago and has grown until it holds a high position among the mercantile interests of that section. Mr. Polk is one of those citizens who believe in his home community and a man with visions of its future greatness. He is a man of integrity and worth and active in all progressive movements for the betterment of his home town and county.

R. L. BENNETT, Hattiesburg, Miss.---Editor and Publisher of the "Weekly Citizen." A Mississippian who has done much constructive work for the state. Mr. Bennett was born in Brandon, Miss., and as he says he received his education in the common schools and the school of "Hard Knocks," for his birthday dates back to October 11, 1854, and he well remembers the events of the War Between the States. He spent several years as deputy circuit clerk of Rankin county, and was a clerk in a store there. He was in railroad work in Madison county and at Yazoo City and was deputy sheriff of Madison for one year. For thirty-five years he was in the banking business and was the cashier of the Purvis Bank, and served as president of the Mississippi Bankers Association. For forty years Mr. Bennett has been a news writer, and is one of the ablest writers in the state. He has assisted in Chamber of Commerce work, and has in fact spent his whole life in those channels that have been for the good and advancement of his home state. As the editor and publisher of the "Weekly Citizen," there is no question but what he will make that paper a power in the field of journalism in the state. We know Mr. Bennett to be a hard worker and a gentleman of the highest type of citizenship.

CHARLES SANTANA, Hattiesburg, Miss.---Traffic Man of the Hattiesburg Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Santana was born in New Orleans and attended the high school in that city. For twenty-five years he was in railroad work in the freight traffic department, located at New Orleans, with the exception of a time during the World's War when he was located at Hattiesburg. Some three years ago Mr. Santana entered Chamber of Commerce work, was at Corinth for over a year as traffic manager of the Corinth Chamber of Commerce; he then accepted the position of Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at West Point and remained here for about one year, when he was tendered the position of traffic manager of the Hattiesburg Chamber of Commerce, a position that he is well able to fill from practical experience and his expert understanding of traffic matters. Mr. Santana is a man of fine character, a gentleman with whom it is a pleasure to meet; a good mixer and a man who makes many warm personal friends. His ideas are of a progressive nature and he takes pleasure in assisting wherever he can in the upbuilding and development of the state.

L. H. MATTINGLY, Hattiesburg, Miss.---President and Manager of the Mattingly Bakery, one of the largest and most popular establishments of this character in Mississippi. Mr. Mattingly was born in Kentucky, where he received his education in the common schools; he afterwards was a resident of Illinois, coming to Hattiesburg ten years ago, when he established the "Mattingly Bakery," which has become known throughout the Hattiesburg territory within a radius of two hundred miles, where especially the cakes from this bakery are universally used both in the homes and in restaurants and hotels. For forty years Mr. Mattingly has been in the bakery business, where he has gained an experience that well qualifies him to operate the large establishment controlled by him. Recently it was found that the business was too large for the quarters occupied and the proprietors decided to build a new plant, which is the last word in operation of this character. The plant cost $150,000.00 and is equipped with the most modern baking machinery and ovens. In the life of Hattiesburg Mr. Mattingly holds a prominent place as one of the progressive citizens who believes in a great future for his home community and the state of Mississippi.

KIRK W. BURNHAM, Moss Point, Miss.---President of the Board of Supervisors of Jackson County, operating a modern drug store at Moss Point. Mr. Burnham was born in Harpersville and received his education in the schools of that community, graduating from Harpersville College (now Agricultural High School). Twenty-five years ago he moved to Moss Point and opened this drug store which he has successfully conducted since that time. For the past eight years Mr. Burnham has served the county on the Board of Supervisors and has been its president for the last two years. Last fall he was elected for another term as a member of that board. During his administration many improvements have been made in all parts of the county, especially has the building of new and better roads been on the program, having constructed two concrete bridges during his regime in office. The court house has been remodeled and the one million dollar concrete paved road from the Harrison county line to the Alabama state line has been built. This paved link of the Old Spanish Trail is considered one of the best in the state. Mr. Burnham believes in his home community and never passes up a program that will advance its interest.

WILLIAM T. QUINN, Okolona, Miss.---Editor and publisher of the Okolona Messenger, the leading paper of Chickasaw county. Mr. Quinn is about the oldest editor in continuous service in the state, for fifty-two years have passed since he commenced work with his father in a printing office, who then published a paper at Hillsboro, Miss. This paper was later moved to Philadelphia and from there to Louisville. In 1905 he took over the Neshoba Democrat and run it for six years, when he came to Okolona in 1911 and took over the Okolona Messenger, which he has run ever since. Mr. Quinn was born in Louisville, Winston county, and received his education in the schools of that town, but it was in the school of practical experience where he gained his real education, for the publishing of a newspaper is one of the greatest schools there is. Mr. Quinn is an able writer and a good printer. In the social and club life of the town he takes a prominent part and is the secretary of the local Kiwanis Club, which acts the part of a Chamber of Commerce. He is an advocate of development work along all lines, especially dairying and good roads, and an advocate of good schools.

them to ultimately fill high, useful and honorable positions in the church and state.

Probably no county of the state has a greater mileage of improved roads. Besides the Jackson highway running through the county from north to south with its terminus at New Orleans and extending through the state to Tennessee and the north, the county has several other highways of major importance. The Coast Route highway, the Vicksburg-Gulfport highway, the Pine Tree highway and other lesser routes pass through the county and converge toward the Gulf Coast which is but 40 miles from the county seat and much closer to the towns of the southern part of the county. Much of the road mileage in the county is under Federal aid and is kept contiually in first class repair.

A PECAN GROVE IN PEARL RIVER COUNTY

The main line of the Southern Railway System from New Orleans to New York runs diagonally through the county for a distance of some forty miles dividing the county into two practically equal parts. The Illinois Central touches the northern end of the county and two other chartered roads of less importance have considerable mileage within the county. With the many hard surfaced roads no section of the county is too far from railroads to market even the most perishable of crops.

Poplarville, in the central portion of the county, is the county seat and the second largest town. Here are located the agricultural high school and junior college, the South Mississippi Experiment Station as well as several lumber industries. It is a town of beautiful homes with a pleasant social life and many church and school advantages.

In the southern portion of the county is Picayune, the largest town in the county and the town making the greatest percentage gain in population of any town in the state of Mississippi during the past five years. Here are several large lumber industries. The schools and churches are of recent construction and modern in every way.

Midway between Poplarville and Picayune are the little towns of Carriere and McNeill where is located the Coastal Plain Experiment Station. Many smaller towns are dotted over the county.

The chief industry of the county is sawmilling with its allied lumber industries. Just across Pearl River, which is the western boundary of the county, is the largest sawmill in the world which requires a cut of 80 acres of virgin timber daily to feed its saws.

The stranger who comes to Pearl River county to make his home will receive a hospitable welcome and will find an honest, God-fearing people of pure Anglo-Saxon descent with plain American names, easily cultivated as friends and neighbors. In spite of the recent rapid development of the county but little more than 10 per cent of the total area is in farms. There is room and a welcome for thousands of earnest farmers who will till the land and call this county their home.

In the brief space of this article we have tried to give you a true picture of the county as it is, without exaggeration and without great detail. In fact the visitors in our county usually appreciate the advantages we have described to a greater degree than we who take them as a matter of course. Only a visit will impress you with the many qualities that make this county ideal for a home, particularly is this true of the climate which can be so poorly described with printers' ink.

We suggest that the prospective visitor write to the Chamber of Commerce of Poplarville, Miss., the Chamber of Commerce at Picayune, Miss., the South Mississippi Experiment Station at Poplarville, or the Coastal Plain Experiment Station at McNeill for any detailed information he may require.

POPLARVILLE—It does not matter what the resources of a community are if there are not men who are willing to assist in their development. Poplarville has men of this character, men who work for the advancement of their community. That they have been successful in their work is fully demonstrated by the great growth that the city has taken on during the past three or four years.

It is the capital of Pearl River county, probably the most progressive county in the state in development work, especially in cultivating the lands to that efficiency that they are now producing wealth for their owners.

The city during the past three years has paved its streets and taken on other large city airs. The mercantile establishments are of a character that give them a metropolitan position in their lines of trade. There is one bank with solid men at its head, men who are citizens of the town and assist in those matters that are for the betterment of the city and its people.

The schools system is one hundred per cent in its efficiency, and Poplarville is the home of the Pearl River Agricultural High School and Junior College, one of the best schools in the state. There are two hospitals, a modern water and lighting system, and churches of all the leading denominations.

A GOOD OAT CROP GROWN IN PEARL RIVER COUNTY

The South Mississippi Experiment Station is located at Poplarville, under the management of Mr. E. B. Ferris as assistant director in charge, and he is assisted in

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JEFFERSON LEE DENSON

JEFFERSON LEE DENSON, Perkinston, Miss.---Superintendent of the Perkinston Agricultural High School, and Leading Educator of the State.---Mr. Denson was born at Lake Como, Jasper county, Miss., attending the common schools of that and Jones county. Afterwards he graduated from Clark College, at Newton, in 1912. He then went to the State Teachers College at Hattiesburg. For the past thirteen years Prof. Denson has followed the vocation of teaching and since July 24, 1924, he has held his present position as superintendent of the Perkinston Agricultural High School, one of the largest and best conducted schools of this character in the state. He is an educated gentleman, a man of strong executive ability, characteristics that make him well fitted for the high position that he satisfactorily fills among the best known educators of Mississippi. In the social and fraternal life of Stone and Harrison counties Prof. Denson is a prominent personage. He is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge of Big Level; the Masonic bodies of Lucedale, George county, and of the Scottish Rites of Gulfport. He is also a member of the Rotary Club of Wiggins. Mr. Denson is one of those good Mississippians that thoroughly believes in the state and its institutions and works for the development of the great resources the state possesses. It being true that education is the beginning of progressive thought, Prof. Denson is the right man in the right place.

JAMES MILTON WATKINS, M. A., McHenry, Miss.---Superintendent of the McHenry High School.

In these modern times it is absolutely necessary that education take a prominent part. The man or woman who does not have such stands a poor show in life's work. And again in these times the instructor in the schools must be able and highly educated; he must be efficient to meet circumstances with executive ability. In the McHenry High School this is fully demonstrated, for it ranks among the highest in the state, and its superintendent, Prof. James Milton Watkins meets all of the requirements asked above. For thirty years he has followed this calling and stands high in the ranks of educators. He is a native Mississippian, receiving his education in the schools of the state, Peabody College, and graduated from Meridian College with the degree of Master of Arts. For the past two years he has been at the head of the McHenry school and has done good work. He believes in Mississippi and teaches Mississippi in the school, which is one of the great necessities of our school system. In the civic and social life of the community he is prominent and is a member of the Masonic bodies, K. of P., W. O. W., I. O. O. F., and Praetorians.

JAMES MILTON WATKINS

CHARLES E. JONES, Wiggins, Miss.---Leading Business Man, Operating a Merchant Tailoring Establishment, Also Cleaning and Pressing of Clothing and Hats.---"Jones the Tailor" is the name by which Mr. Jones is well known and is a man with one of those genial dispositions that makes him popular with a large circle of warm personal friends. Mr. Jones is a native of Paducah, Ky., and received his education in the common schools of that city. For fourteen years he has been a resident of Wiggins, standing high among the progressive people of that city. He believes in a grand future for his city, county and state and gives his assistance when needed to further their advancement. As a business man Mr. Jones has been successful and has built up a business that not only covers Stone county but goes much further afield. His plant is modernly equipped in every detail and skilled help is employed in all departments. Mail business is given special attention. Although Mr. Jones is a busy man, yet he takes time to give his assistance in the social, fraternal and civic life of the community. He is an active member of the Maccabees and one of the charter members of the local Rotary Club, which is doing much good in developing the resources of Wiggins and Stone county.

OSCAR L. BOND, Wiggins, Miss.---Editor and Publisher of the Stone County Enterprise, and hustling young business man as well as progressive citizen.---Mr. Bond is a native of Stone county and has lived in the county all of his life, a large part of the time in Wiggins in business activities of some kind. After receiving his education in the lower branches he attended State University. Mr. Bond is a World War veteran and takes an active part in the activities of the American Legion. He has been active in the publishing business for the past six years and in October, 1926, took over the Stone County Enterprise, and has built up the paper until it holds a high position among the leading papers of the state. He is an able writer, and being a practical printer he gives all departments of his establishment his personal supervision. The plant is well fitted with modern typesetting machines and presses and a sufficient quantity of the latest and most approved faces of type for job printing has been installed. In the social and fraternal life of his home town he holds a prominent position and is a member of the Masonic bodies. He believes in his home community and willingly gives his assistance to all progressive movements calculated to advance it to a higher position among the cities of the state.

LEWIS A. VARNADO, Wiggins, Miss.---Owner of the Varnado Bottling Works, and Prominent Business Man.---Mr. Varnado was born in Hancock county and received his early education in the common schools of Nicholson. After leaving school he located in Gulfport, where he remained for some time, then going to Wiggins, where he entered his business life, and has operated the Varnado Bottling Works for the past thirteen years, building up a large business, which covers that section of South Mississippi. Two years ago he built the Wiggins Moving Picture play house and operated it for about one year, when he leased the house, so that he could better attend to his other business. In the progressive life of Wiggins Mr. Varnado has been active. He has served the city on the board of aldermen, and has served as justice of the peace of Stone county, and is now a member of the school board. He is active in all movements that are calculated to advance the interest of Wiggins and Stone county, having visions of a great future for this section of Mississippi. In the social life as well as the business life of his home community he is prominent in his citizenship, and is a member of the Masonic bodies, also the Eastern Star, affiliated with the Gulfport lodge. He is also a member of the K. of P.

his work by Mr. W. S. Anderson, men who understand their work and have had several years experience in experimenting in what is the right crop to be planted on certain soils and the fertilizer that shall be used.

The city government is administered through a mayor and board of aldermen, and this board is at present made up of leading business men of the city. The mayor, as chief executive, is Hon. R. B. Jordan, a young man of ability and a man who believes that nothing is too good for Poplarville. At Poplarville will be found the Poplarville Peach Orchard Company, who have around 3,000 peach trees set out and bearing. The pecan and pear planting by Governor Bilbo, the nursery operated by J. J. Scarborough, one of the most progressive men in the state, who with George C. Gredell operate a large nursery. The nursery and orchard planting of Fred W. Smith, and the developments of planting of the Experiment Station horticulturists, W. S. Anderson and his father. These men are the "builders" of the section in and around Poplarville.

A WATERMELON CROP

PICAYUNE—The City of Picayune is made up of men who are believers in their city and community, men of the highest citizenship, and the city is growing faster and being developed along business lines more than any other city in the state. The two banks are among the strongest and best in the state. There is an ably edited and well printed weekly paper, "The Picayune Item," published and edited by J. R. Furr. The mercantile houses are of the metropolitan character. The hotel accommodateions in the "Peach Tree Inn" are on a par with the larger cities. The streets are paved, covering a large part of the city and the water works and electric system are of the very best. Picayune is one of the coming towns of South Mississippi. It is located on the Jackson highway leading north and south, not so very far from New Orleans and only a drive of about forty miles to the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Each year it holds a Peach Festival, and the city has for its slogan, "Every Moon is a Harvest Moon in Picayune."

During the past few years a group of men have been busy placing under intensive cultivation large tracts of land in the Picayune territory, which today are bringing large results. These people are believers in their country and are "boosters." Especially has this been true of that sterling gentleman, Hon. L. O. Crosby, and his associate, Mr. Lamont Rowlands. These gentlemen and their associates have lost no opportunity to give their moral and financial support to efforts to build agricultural and horticultural production to replace each pine tree removed and help build for Pearl River county, the Picayune trade territory, and their citizens a sound foundation for an ever larger success. They also have been liberal contributors to the erection of schools and civic and recreational improvements of all kinds. It has been largely through their efforts that Picayune today has a perfect school system and handsome school houses, and the churches are on par with the schools in their architecture and each is presided over by able and Christian preachers.

During the past year there has been some great work done a short distance east of Picayune by the developing of a very large acreage, which is now producing crops.

ALONG THE SOUTHERN ROAD FROM PICAYUNE TO POPLARVILLE—We don't know this territory is any better than that of other parts of the county, but it has been developed better for reason that it is near the railroad and on the Jackson highway. Its topography is ideal, furnishing level plateaus up to three hundred feet in altitude, drained by clear running streams in valleys forty to fifty or more below. Its soils are fertile, free of stone, hard-pan or alkali with clay base and sandy clay loam surface soils, easy to cultivate and perfectly suited for tractor use. Such areas are especially available in the Carriere, Cybur, and Picayune sections where straight away rows two and three miles long are possible.

Notwithstanding this favorable combination of advantages it is only during the past five or six years that this region's great value agriculturally and horticulturally, have been recognized. This is probably due to the fact that for many years this has been a timbered area and it is only with the removal of the forests that its agricultural values have become apparent. As a consequence, land prices, when compared to their crop returns are low and can still be bought from ten to one hundred dollars per acre, according to situation and degree of development. Daily its advantages become more and more apparent and active demand and development is in progress on a large scale.

The soils around the McNeill Experiment Station are especially fitted for strawberry culture. Near Picayune a satsuma tree but a few years old bore 3,800 oranges and a Japanese persimmon tree bore ten bushels of that fruit. At Carriere peach trees when only two years old bore a crate to the tree, and now at further maturity will bear three times that number. Grapes sixteen months old have been known to yield ten pounds of fruit. The Young Berry, the second season yielded 6,400 quarts per acre. These are but examples of what has been done. There are few points in America, if any, where there

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FRED C. YATES

FRED C. YATES, Columbia, Miss.---Superintendent of the Mississippi Industrial and Training School, doing child welfare work. This is one of the largest and most particular institutions in the state, and one that does great work in an educational way. Mr. Yates was born in Collins, Covington county, Mississippi was educated in the high school of that city, Webb School of Bell Buckle, Tennessee, and afterwards attended Millsaps College of Jackson. He has been connected with this school for the past nine years, being promoted about a year ago to its superintendency, a position that he is well qualified to fill from his practical experience in the school work and as an educated gentleman. His mind is a progressive one, and he believes that Mississippi is the greatest state in the Union, and that his home community is the greatest in the state. In fraternal circles Mr. Yates takes a high position. He is a member of the Masonic Order, Knight Templar, Shriner, Kappa Alpha and the Elks. During the World War Mr. Yates served two years in the army. Part of that time he was a member of Battery B, 140th Field Artillery, and the remaining time an instructor in the officers' training camp at Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky. Mr. Yates is a young man of the highest citizenship. He is a man who makes friends and keeps them, and is most popular among the people of Columbia, where he is well known for his sterling qualities.

LEM S. PITTMAN, Columbia, Miss.---Editor and Publisher of the Marion County Progress, an eight-page county paper that has made great progress and done good work in the civic and social life of Columbia and Marion. Mr. Pittman was born on the farm near Forest, Scott county, Miss., receiving his education in the schools of Simpson county, graduating from the Wayne County High School. For his life's work he decided on that of the printing business and has followed that for the past twelve years. He lived and worked in Mendenhall for six years, and has resided in Columbia for five years, two years of which has been occupied in the publishing of the "Progress" a paper that he has built up to a high position in the publishing field of Mississippi, and created a position of influence in the life of South Mississippi. We often wonder if the people of a community realize the great good and benefit that the local paper is in the advancement and upbuilding of the section in which it circulates. If they realize that the local paper is the mouth-piece for the community, that the paper is depended upon to carry ideas and thought and the program for all progressive movements. The newspapers do these things and in this class we wish to advance the efficiency of the "Progress" in the work, for the paper is true to its name. Mr. Pittman, the editor, is a progressive man and takes an active interest in the community in which he lives. He is a member of the Masons, Shriner and Eastern Star, and the local Rotary Club.

LEM S. PITTMAN

W. L. SIMMONS, Columbia, Miss.---Insurance and bonding, supervisor of Marion county. In the activities of Columbia and Marion county there is no man that takes a more prominent part than Mr. Simmons, one of the leading citizens and business men. Mr. Simmons was born in Forrest county, and received his education in the Forrest county high schools and at the Elon high school. Thirty years ago he came to Columbia, and for the past eighteen years has been in his present business. For four years he has served as a member of the board of supervisors of Marion county and as the clerk of that board. At the last election he was elected to serve for another four years. In the building of the good roads of the county he has taken a prominent part, believing that good roads are one of the greatest essentials for the development of a community. He was also a member of the board of aldermen of the city for eight years, during which time large improvements were made, he taking an active part in this work. In the activities of the local Chamber of Commerce he has been a hard worker and has served the Chamber for several years and is now its secretary, giving his time and advanced ideas in the deliberations of that organization, helping to put over those projects that are for the betterment and advancement of the city and its surrounding section.

W. C. CALLENDER, Columbia, Miss.---Editor of the "Columbian," a leading newspaper of South Mississippi, operating a modernly equipped printing plant fitted to do all kinds of publishing and job printing work, having installed the latest model of typesetting machine and the latest and most popular faces of advertising and job type. Mr. Callender was born in Brookhaven, Miss., receiving his education in the high school of that city and at the A. & M. College. For twenty-five years he has been in the printing business and for ten years he has been the editor and publisher of "The Columbian," and a resident of Columbia for the past fifteen years. "The Columbian" is an eight and twelve page paper well printed and ably edited and a circulation covering "The Heart of South Mississippi" and has been printed each week for the past twenty-six years. Mr. Callender being one of those progressive citizens that believes in his home city and community, he gives his assistance personally and the columns of his paper to forward all movements that will assist in its upbuilding. Advocating at all times the advanced thought and ideas that are of worth while, and telling the story to all the people of the great resources and advantages that are possessed in that section of the state. He is an able writer and business man, his paper being a true demonstration of his ability.

W. A. DAVIS LUMBER COMPANY, Baldwyn, Miss.---W. A. Davis & Sons, owners and managers, handling a large and assorted stock of hardwood and pine lumber and a full line of builders' supplies. This establishment has been in operation for the past twelve years and have built up a successful business. The company also conduct a grocery store, where they handle a full and complete line of fancy and staple groceries. They recently put in an automobile filling and service station, located on the main highway "45" through Mississippi, handling gas, oils and lunches where the tourist can be accommodated and taken care of. The Messrs. Davis are progressive business men who by their honorable business methods built up a large business and hold the esteem of many personal friends.

F. P. NEWMAN, Baldwyn, Miss.---Editor and Publisher of the Baldwyn "Home Journal," a weekly newspaper that has taken a leading part in the development work that has been and is being done in that section of the state. The "Home Journal" was established in 1883 and for several years was edited and published by C. F. Newman, the father of the present proprietor, who has operated the paper for the past eight years. The "Home Journal" has a circulation of over one thousand, which speaks well of its management, considering the territory that it serves, as it is strictly a home publication working for the advancement of its home territory. The plant is modernly fitted and its editor being a practical printer knows well how to operate it. He is an advocate of all things that will assist in development work and especially works for good roads.

V. H. PHILLIPS, Baldwyn, Miss.---Manager of the Baldwyn Supply Company, an establishment that may well be termed a modern department store, as a general line of merchandising is done, which includes dry goods, notions, furniture, undertaking supplies, clothing, and a full line of groceries, both staple and fancy, also complete line of hardware. The company are also extensive cotton buyers, handling several thousand bales of this commodity each year. Mr. Phillips, the manager, is one of Baldwyn's leading business men and a citizen who believes in progress and the development of the resources of the community. The Baldwyn Supply Company has catered to the people for the past twenty-five years.

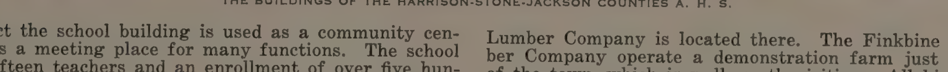
are more encouraging evidences of horticultural returns from peaches, pecans, satsuma oranges, grapes, Japanese persimmons, berries and truck crops are shown. These facts are becoming recognized and there is great development work being done and this will grow in proportion as people become more acquainted with the opportunities and prospects in this ection of the state. Too much cannot be said about Pearl River county's productive energy of its soils.

Stone County

STONE COUNTY is bounded on the west by Pearl River county, on the north by Forrest and Perry counties, on the east by George and Jackson counties and on the south by Harrison county. Like all the rest of the counties in South Mississippi there is considerable mineral wealth in brick clay, ochres and paint pigments, building, moulding and glass sands; gravel and building stones. Geologists have said that there is good prospect for oil and gas, and a test well has been put down two thousand feet but has been shut down for the past year. We understand that there is an effort being made to finance this proposition and make a further test, as there is a showing of both oil and gas.

Wiggins is the county seat of the county and there are several towns and communities within its boundaries. Next to Wiggins comes McHenry as to size and population. At Perkinston is located the Harrison-Stone-Jackson Agricultural High School, one of the best educational institutions in the state. This school is under the superintendency of Prof. J. L. Denson, an able educator and executive. The school is ideally located on a hill overlooking the surrounding country, which has a tendency to further improve the already healthy conditions of the institution. Elsewhere we show a picture of the groups of school buildings, which gives an idea of the magnitude of the school. The buildings are fitted with the best of facilities used in school work, and Prof. Denson has an educated corps of teachers in the several departments.

The Wiggins High School has attained a high position and is now numbered among the best separate consolidated high schools in the state. During the past three years a new building has been completed in which has been installed the best of facilities for school work. The superintendent, Prof. G. L. Drecsler, is an educated gentleman and an executive of ability and worth. The school is supported one hundred per cent by the people of Wiggins and every citizen is proud of the school and its work. In fact the school building is used as a community center, as a meeting place for many functions. The school has fifteen teachers and an enrollment of over five hundred pupils. The board of trustees are leading men in the city; S. S. Minzy is president; L. H. Varnado, secretary; Dr. Joe Leggett, M. E. Cooper and J. B. Newton trustees.



THE BUILDINGS OF THE HARRISON-STONE-JACKSON COUNTIES A. H. S.

The school at McHenry is a consolidated school and takes in a wide scope of territory. The superintendent, Prof. James M. Watkins, is a man well qualified for the position that he holds. For thirty years he has been in this profession and is a highly educated gentleman.

There are several other consolidated schools in the county.

WIGGINS—Is a progressive small city and is made up of a high class citizenship. There is one bank that is well able to take care of the banking business of the community. The mercantile stores are representative in character and operated by progressive business men. There is a weekly paper, the "Stone County Enterprise," published here. One of the largest canning factories in the state is located at Wiggins, where it has been in operation for several years. The specialty at this plant is canning pickles, which are of such a high character that the management has established a market in all parts of the country, for if they have the label of the American Canning & Pickle Company it is a sufficient recommendation. This company buys many tons of small cucumbers annually and pay the highest market price. Many of the farmers in the county and a great deal further afield cultivate this fruit. Wiggins is also a saw mill town, as one of the large mills of the Finkbine Lumber Company is located there. The Finkbine Lumber Company operate a demonstration farm just south of the town, which is well worth visiting. All kinds of fruit and vegetables are grown here.

PRESIDING AT THE PEACH FESTIVAL

There are great opportunities to be had in Stone county for the lands are of the best character for fruit and truck growing. Especially is this true of the Wiggins trade territory.

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MARTHA MARION ANDERSON

MARTHA MARION ANDERSON AND HER TWIN BROTHER MAURICE MANNING ANDERSON.---Here is a good object lesson to the boys and girls of Mississippi who have an ambition to achieve in life's work. Marion and her twin brother were born at Gainsboro, Jackson county, Tenn., May 16, 1913; at the age of six years they entered grammar school at Gainsboro. During the year 1919 the Anderson family moved to a farm near Hamilton, Miss., where they finished the grammar school and are now doing first year high school work. They always lead their grades, their general average being about the same. For two years the twins have belonged to the 4-H Club, but in this work Marion has been in the lead. During the two years Marion has taken gardening, canning, cooking, sewing and home improvement. The first year she was awarded nine first prizes and seven seconds; one of these was on a shirt for her twin brother in the women's department. The second year she won thirteen first prizes and nine seconds. She attended club encampments at Greenwood Springs, Kolola Springs, also attended 4-H Club Congress at A. & M. College. The trip to Chicago to the National Club Congress was awarded her as she scored the highest in the northeast Mississippi district, and the highest score in the state on gardening, canning, cooking, sewing and home improvement.

KENNETH WISHART, Aberdeen, Miss.---President of the Wishart Realty Company, handling farm lands, specializing in dairy farms. Mr. Wishart is a native of Canada and received his education in the schools of that country and graduated from Canada College, of Hamilton, Canada. For twenty-five years he has been in realty business, was a representative of the Frisco Railroad in St. Louis and Chicago, had charge of the emigration department, and done demonstration work along the lines of this road in Idaho. Fifteen years ago he came to Mississippi and recognizing the great opportunities in the prairie lands of northwest Mississippi for dairying he decided to locate there where he has handled many acres of land, causing them to be developed, into many farms by northern farmers. In his work in this section of the state he has been successful and at the same time has been the means of bringing in new blood that has been a most potent factor in creating many high class dairy farms with the best breeds of cattle to stock them. In Aberdeen, his home town, he has been active in its many progressive movements, and as he is a good writer the publicity he has sent out to all parts of the country has brought results. He is an active member of the Masons and likewise a Rotarian and prominent in the work of the local Chamber of Commerce. To Mr. Wishart much credit must be given for the great strides that territory has made during the past decade in dairying and diversification.

KENNETH WISHART

T. T. DEAVENPORT

T. T. DEAVENPORT, Aberdeen, Miss.---Publisher, Editor and Owner of the "Aberdeen Weekly," one of the ablest writers and publishers in the state. Mr. Deavenport is a native Mississippian, born in Okolona, Chickasaw county, attending the public schools of that county, and was assisted in his education by his father, who was a lawyer. Mr. Deavenport taught school for seventeen years before going into the newspaper business and was superintendent of schools from 1896 to 1908 and in the state legislature from 1912 to 1916. In 1900 he took charge of the "Aberdeen Weekly," which was originally established in 1876 by Capt. Ed. Thompson, who was a prominent Mississippi editor for several years. Since taking over the "Weekly" he has built it up to a high place in Mississippi journalism and today the paper is reckoned among the best weeklies in the state. The plant is modern in its equipment with the latest models of typesetting machines and the latest and most popular faces of type, operated by skilled workmen. Mr. Deavenport is one of the really progressive men of Aberdeen and individually as well as through his paper assists in those movements that will advance the interests of his home community. He is an able business man and fluent writer and has achieved success in his work.

H. D. WATSON, Strongs, Miss.---Owner of Grassland Farms, is a native of Mississippi who believes in his state and can see the wonderful possibilities for the future. He has always been a farmer and still cultivates a large acreage of cotton and corn, but has become interested in poultry and poultry production, making it an intensive study, and is now one of the few licensed A. P. A. judges in Mississippi. He has the ability to recognize a bird's merits at first glance, close study and practice has made this possible. More than fourteen years ago he and Mrs. Watson became interested in breeding better Rhode Island Reds, beginning in a small way, working and studying with care each branch of the business, until now they are fully capable of handling an up-to-date practical poultry plant. They have about ten acres in use, with 27 breeding pens, large farm flocks and modern brooder and incubator houses. Step by step they have grown and improved, making the poultry pay the expenses as they advanced, until now the business is well established and the fruits of their hard labor can be realized. This is one of the largest breeding yards in the state and the Watsons are working for quality more than quantity, although large numbers of beautiful Rhode Island Reds are grown for show coops and breeding pens all over the country After having shown and won their share of ribbons at National Red meets, Sesqui-Centennial, Chicago Coliseum, Southern district meet, Cuban International, State Federation, Tri-State Fair, State Fair, North Mississippi Fair, and leading all heavy breeds for two years at Arkansas National Laying Contest, leading all Reds at any contest, at American Egg Laying Contest in 1925-26, and having been represented at more shows and won more ribbons in hands of customers than they won, they know that Grassland's Reds are as good as you can find. They can number satisfied customers all over the United States and in several foreign countries, and stand back of every guarantee; thereby making it a safe and sound proposition to do business with Grassland Farms.

H. D. WATSON

DR. ROLAND H. CRANFORD, Laurel, Miss.---Chief Surgeon and Owner of the Laurel Clinic and General Hospital. Probably there is no institution in a community that is of as great necessity as the hospital, for the sick look to this institution as a haven where they can receive the atteniton that is necessary in their illness. Laurel and its people may well be thankful that there is an institution in the city that covers this great necessity in the Clinic and General Hospital operated under the personal supervision of its owner, Dr. Roland H. Cranford, one of the leading physicians and surgeons of the state. For seven years Dr. Cranford was superintendent and chief surgeon of the South Mississippi State Charity Hospital, resigning four years ago to take charge of his own hospital, The Laurel General. He is a native of Mississippi, receiving his education in the common schools and Millsaps College of Jackson, Mississippi, and graduating from the medical department of the University of Tennessee, in Memphis in the year 1906, and has practiced his profession ever since in Laurel and Jones county. He is a member of the Episcopalian church, and is a thirty-second degree Mason, and a member of the W. O. W. and Odd Fellows.

McHENRY—Is some twelve miles south of Wiggins and twenty-five miles from Gulfport and the Mississippi Gulf Coast. It is located as is Wiggins on the Dixie highway, a fine hard surfaced road and about two miles from the south line of the county, where the paved road from Gulfport ends. There is a bank located there, several large mercantile establishments covering many lines of trade, and is the marketing place for a rich and fairly well developed agricultural and horticultural community. McHenry is but a short distance from the test oil well that is being drilled.

George County

EIGHTEEN years ago George county was created from a portion of the northern part of Jackson county and a portion of the southern part of Greene county, and Lucedale, a small town, was made the county capital, the town being only a few years older than the county. There are quite a number of small communities scattered throughout the county, each having its particular part in making the George county of today one of the best in the southeastern part of the state.

CUT-OVER LANDS OF SOUTH MISSISSIPPI

The soil is of a red sandy loam which is considered one of the best soils for producing general crops and especially fruit. There are some minerals in the county, like other counties in south Mississippi there are deposits of brick clay, ochres and paint pigments, building, moulding and glass sands, gravel and building stones, but these resources are not developed to any extent, the people being more devoted to agricultural and horticultural pursuits.

George M. Luce, on what is known as the "Luce Farms," has done considerable demonstration work fully proving that the soils of George county are capable of the highest standard of production in all crops. That section of the state is often spoken of as the home of the Satsuma orange. The writer does know that they are fast becoming a great crop and a paying one. Pecans are grown to a large extent as are several other fruit-bearing trees. Trucking is another interest that is fast coming to the front as a money making crop, for there is a home market in the operation of the Luce Packing Company. This plant is the best equipped establishment of this character in the state, and has a capacity of canning approximately 35,000 cans per day. The Luce Packing Company in addition to packing crops raised on their own farms, make contracts with the farmers for the growing of okra, beans, tomatoes, potatoes, and other vegetables. This ensures the farmer a market for his product and a fixed price.

CROPS LIKE THIS BEING GROWN ON IMPROVED CUT-OVER LAND

It would not be possible to tell the whole story of George county without speaking of George M. Luce, its greatest benefactor. Mr. Luce is a native of Michigan, but has lived in Mississippi for the past thirty-seven years. His high character for honesty and integrity of purpose has won for him the esteem and confidence of all who know him. Unlike many sawmill owners and operators, he did not strip his large land holdings of their wealth of timber and then turn them over to some land development company to be sold almost any old way, to people who knew nothing of their value or management to make farming profitable. From the observation of small plats of these lands that had been brought into cultivation, he being a man of vision, realized the wonderful possibilities of the soil of his lands, and set about developing a large farm to pay dividends, and to demonstrate the more profitable crops to grow and to determine what crops to leave alone. In this work he has been highly successful, which is fully demonstrated and proven if you would take a drive over the Federal aid road from Lucedale to Leakesville you would pass through the Luce Farms and part of the undeveloped land owned by the K. C. Lumber Company. Here you would see the magnificent pecan grove of nearly 200 acres, the pineapple pear orchard; the splendid crop of corn and velvet beans,

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THE BORDEN NURSERY---LUCEDALE

JAMES JACKSON WEAVER

JAMES JACKSON WEAVER, Morton, Miss.---Educator, superintendent of the Morton Public School.--The teaching of the youth of today, training their minds for the life that they are to fulfill in the work of the future generation is one of the greatest positions that the man and woman of today can fill. The master mind of the experienced teacher is necessary to do this well and successfully. In this Prof. James Jackson Weaver is well fitted for he has followed the profession of instruction in the schools for twenty-three years, six years of which has been with the school at Morton. He was born in Mississippi and educated in the Chester public school, in Choctaw county, at the French Camp Academy, Millsaps College, University of Mississippi, Peabody College and Mississippi College, which gives him a training possessed by few educators in the state. For a time he was deputy sheriff under his father, Mr. E. B. Weaver. In all matters that are of a progressive nature for his home community and the state he is active. He is a member of the Morton Chamber of Commerce and of the Masonic fraternity. He was married early in life to Miss Lucy Roberts of Chester, Choctaw county, and his two children, Miss Lucile and Ralph, he has given a college education.

MISS SIDNEY ANN STANDIFER, Forest, Miss.---County Home Demonstration Agent for Scott County.---Miss Standifer was born in Tennessee, receiving her education in the schools of that state at Silver Dale Graded School and Tyner High School in Hamilton county, graduating from high school, was three years at the University of Tennessee and the equal to another year in summer school and special courses for home demonstration work. She followed this work for four years in Union county, Tenn., and five and one-half years in McCreary county, Ky. For the past year Miss Standifer has been located in Scott county, where she has done successful work in her profession. She takes an interest in the community life in which she lives and of the state. She is a member of the Eastern Star, Woman's Federated Clubs of Mississippi and a member of the National Economics Association, attending the meeting of this organization in Asheville, N. C., in June 18 to 24, 1927. She was a member of the party that went on the "Know Mississippi Better Train" in 1927. Has visited the Division of Extension Department and the Health Department at Washington, D. C. Visited Chapple Hill, Ga., at the time the experiment of reforestation was being carried on. Was with a home demonstration agent in central Florida studying for two months the agricultural and home economics as found in that state.

HON. FLOYD LOPER, Lake, Miss.---Merchant, Farmer, Cotton Buyer and Member of the State Senate.---Among the business men and progressive citizens of Mississippi there is none that holds a higher position in the esteem of his fellow men than Hon. Floyd Loper. Mr. Loper was born in Newton county, receiving his education in his home schools. For thirty-four years he has been in the mercantile business, twenty-two years of which has been in Lake, operating a large business conducted on the department store plan. Besides handling general merchandise Mr. Loper is an extensive cotton buyer, handling upwards of 20,000 bales annually. He takes an active place in the political life of the state and served in the state legislature in 1892 and 1894, 1900 to 1906, and was United States Marshal under President Wilson's administration. Twice he has run for congress, and last year he was elected to the Mississippi state senate. In the progressive activities of his home community Mr. Loper takes a prominent part, giving his aid to those matters that are calculated to assist in advancement. In fraternal circles he is a member of the Masonic bodies and W. O. W., and is a member of the Baptist church.

HERMAN A. SCHMIDT, Forest, Miss.---Editor and Publisher of the "News-Register," a weekly newspaper that has done a great deal of constructive work towards the advancement of its home community and of Scott county. Mr. Schmidt, the able editor and publisher, is a native of Indiana, attending the schools of that state and graduating form the University of Indiana with the degrees of A. B. and LL. B. After graduating he resided in Colorado for ten years, and took an active part in its civic life, being a member of the state legislature in 1915. Although Mr. Schmidt studied law, he left that profession to take up newspaper work and has been active in the publishing business for the past eight years, although he did work in the newspaper field before that. Mr. Schmidt tells us that he thoroughly enjoys the publishing of a country newspaper and is very much interested in the work. That he is a hustler and capable of filling the position is fully demonstrated by the strides that the "News-Register" has made since he took over the paper. One of the policies that he has inaugurated as the editor is to visit the farmer and tell to the world what he is doing in his particular field of activity. In the life of Forest and its surrounding community he takes an active part in all matters that tend for the advancement and upbuilding of that section.

PROF. W. R. HUNT, Harpersville, Miss.---Superintendent of the Harpersville Public Schools.---Experience and education are essential for the successful educator of these modern times. In this work Mississippi is well supplied by many men of this class, prominent among which is the subject of this short biographical sketch, Prof. W. R. Hunt. Mr. Hunt has been in educational work for the past sixteen years, and has been the superintndent of this school for the past four years. He is a native of Scott county, receiving his education in the schools of the county, graduating from the Forest high school, preparatory for degree at the State Teachers College at Hattiesburg. Besides his school work Mr. Hunt is engaged in farming and operates a large farm. In the civic life of his home community he takes a leading part and is now serving his second term as supervisor of district one, a position in which he has done good work for the advancement of the district and the upbuilding of the community, assisting in the building of better roads and other improvements. In fraternal life he is a member of the Masons and Eastern Star.

cotton, potatoes, and vegetables grown for the packing plant, then you would realize the success of the undertaking. Then look at the large mule and cattle barn and silos, the hog barn and pastures, the packing plant and cotton gin, shows you that the crops are marketed in the most economical manner.

The opportunities are great for the man who is looking for a place for farming, fruit growing, cattle raising and dairying; where there is a congenial air among the people who treat the stranger with courtesy, showing a willingness to assist him where he can with such information as desired.

CORN AND COWPEAS GROWN AT THE SAME TIME

LUCEDALE—The county seat of George county, is a thriving town of something over one thousand population. There is a bank, several commercial houses, hotel and garages and service stations. The commercial houses are of the higher department store order and would do credit to a much larger city, but Lucedale is growing and will soon catch up with anything that is now a little ahead of the times.

The educational and religious life of Lucedale and George county is of the highest standard. The schools are housed in modern buildings and the corps of instructors are educated men and women of experience in their work. The churches represent about all of the leading denominations, the pulpits being filled with conscientious and christian gentlemen.

Greene County

IS ONE of the ten largest counties in the state as regards square miles as there are seven hundred and ten square miles in the county, every square mile of worth in its productiveness, and is about sixty miles from the Mississippi Gulf Coast, just a little over an hour's drive in your car over the good roads leading to the coast.

The soils of Green county will produce all crops that are planted and given the proper care. Cotton is the largest crop, and the county agent writes us that the yield this year will be several times as large as last, all other crops will have a large increase as well as cotton. Fruit, strawberries, grapes, satsuma oranges and on down through the list are very productive on the soils of Greene county.

During the past few years there has been considerable development work done, which is one of the great necessities of the county as there are many thousands of acres of cut-over land that is standing idle. Some of this should be re-forested, but the greater part should be put under cultivation. There is nothing cheap about these lands but the price as it can be bought very low at this time, but the price is steadily increasing, making this the logical time for the man who wants a home and a good farm to take advantage of this opportunity.

The climate is ideal, never too cold or too hot, being only sixty miles from the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Greene county gets the benefit of the cool breeze that comes from the waters of the Gulf. We are able to eat beans and tomatoes from our garden all the fall, and all thrifty home owners have their winter gardens of cabbages, turnips, and many other vegetables.

FLORIDA-MIDWEST HIGHWAY THROUGH LEAKESVILLE

The public highways in Greene country are mostly of the hard surfaced or graded class and are open to traffic a large part of the year, while the main roads through the county are always in fine condition, thus the people are enabled to travel in their car to all parts of the county. In the building of good roads Greene county has the benefit of natural resources in its abundant supply of gravel which is being used on the roads of the county in

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GREENE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LEAKESVILLE

W. CLIFTON MABRY, Newton, Miss.---Editor, Publisher and Owner of the Newton Record, one of the very best printed and ablest edited papers in the state. This is a position that the paper has held for several years. In January, 1927, Mr. Mabry purchased the paper from Mrs. Claude Cunningham, who operated it from the time of the death of her husband, Mr. Claude Cunningham, who had successfully run the "Record" for several years. Mr. Mabry is a native of Newton county and has spent his life there, receiving his education in the schools of the county, and South Mississippi Boarding School. He was superintendent of schools of the county for four years, sheriff for four years and was deputy sheriff for eight years. For six years he taught school previous to being elected superintendent of education. For three years previous to buying this paper he was in the insurance business, operating a general underwriting insurance agency. He is a Mason, member of the Rotary Club, a trustee of the Newton County Agricultural High School since it was established in 1914; he is also president of the board of trustees of the Newton High School, and a member of the committee to select "master farmers" for Newton county. He is an able writer and a valuable addition in the journalistic field of Mississippi. Being, by nature, a progressive citizen he assists in matters for the benefit of his home community.

DR. CHARLES KLING, Union, Miss.---Chiropractor.---President of the Union Chamber of Commerce and progressive citizen. Dr. Kling is a native of Lauderdale county, where he attended the common schools, afterwards graduating in his profession at the American University of Chicago, Ill. Seven years ago he came to Union and commenced practice in this special work, in which he has been very successful, being the pioneer chiropractor in the town and has built up a practice that extends to several of the cities and towns of that part of the state. This is the day of the specialist and the chiropractor has filled a peculiar position, for his work is certainly a great benefit to mankind. Chiropractor is from the Greek and means "by hand," and the treatment is just what the name means. During the seven years that Dr. Kling has been a resident of Union he has been an outstanding citizen in the work of assisting in the advancement of the community, in the civic and fraternal life of which he is the efficient president of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Masonic lodge, district deputy and grand chancellor of the K. of P., and a member of the Methodist church; he was on the finance committee to make it possible for Union to build the fine church that is a credit to the city. He also assisted in getting dairying started in Newton county.

W. D. LOWE, Newton, Miss.---Secretary and treasurer and general manager of the Newton Cotton Seed Oil Mills.---Among the business men and citizens of Newton there is no one who has taken a more prominent part in all progressive measures than Mr. W. D. Lowe, the head of the largest manufacturing plant in the community. The Newton Cotton Seed Oil Mills in its equipment is one of the best in the state and has been in operation for several years. Mr. Lowe, as the writer knows him, has ever been ready to give his assistance in all movements that have been of benefit to his home section and the state of Mississippi.

J. G. BRIDGES, Newton, Miss.---Superintendent of the Newton High School. It has been an ambition with Prof. Bridges to build this school up to the highest position possible among the schools of the state. It now has an enrollment of over four hundred students, the grounds are neatly kept and being constantly improved. Especially is it fitted for athletic sports. The Newton High School is an accredited four year high school. Prof. Bridges is an educator who has attained a position of the highest standard among the teachers of the state, and has had charge of this school for several years. He is popular in all walks of the life of Newton.

DANIEL VELPO McMULLAN, Newton, Miss.---Sole Owner of the McMullan Drug Store. the leading establishment of this character in the city.---Mr. McMullan is a native of Newton, receiving his education in the schools of the county, and graduated from the Max Morris School of Pharmacy, of Macon, Ga. For fifteen years he resided in Mize, Smith county, and while there he was a member of the board of aldermen of that town for thirteen years. For twenty years he has operated this drug store, since returning to the home of his nativity. For six years he served as a member of the board of aldermen of Newton, and has been one of the progressive business men of the city. He is a believer in his community and a worker for its advancement.

A. C. LONGINO, Union, Miss.---Operating a large real estate and insurance business, as the Longino Insurance Agency. For fifteen years Mr. Longino has been prominent in the development of Union and its surrounding territory and for thirteen years he was in the drug store business. In real estate he has been especially interested in sub-division work and put on the first sub-division project since the town was started. This he sold out in one year, having built twenty residences on the forty lots in the division; the second project he sponsored has been sold out and the third is fast being sold. Real estate values in this section can be furnished from this agency at any time. As a progressive citizen Mr. Longino holds a high position.

W. F. MAYO, Union, Miss.---Owner and Manager of the Union Motor Company and Secretary of the Union Chamber of Commerce. The Union Motor Co. of which Mr. Mayo is the owner and manager, is the leading garage of the city and handles the Ford and Lincoln cars and the Fordson Tractors, operating a sales and service station of these products. Standing in the forefront of the men who in their high citizenship believe in a great future for Union and its surrounding community. He is at all times faithfully behind those projects that are for the good and advancement and progress of his home section, and as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce he gives much of his time in furthering the interests of that organization.

C. E. JOHNSON, Union, Miss.---Attorney at Law and progressive citizen.---Prominent among the business and professional men of Union, who have assisted in the upbuilding of the community is Mr. C. E. Johnson, attorney at law. The writer has known Mr. Johnson for the past four years and knows of his work in a civic and public spirited way. His work as the president of the Union Chamber of Commerce was outstanding in the advancement of the town, and he devoted considerable of his time to this work and his counsel was of great value to the community, for his ideas are constructive in character and he succeeded in putting several of his ideas into practice. Mr. Johnson is a true "builder" for his community.

PROF. C. R. JOHNSON, Union, Miss.---Superintendent of the Union High School but a resident of Sebastapol, in Scott county, where he was a candidate for the office of superintendent of schools of Scott county. Mr. Johnson was born in Scott county and received his education in the schools of that county and at the State Teachers College, at Hattiesburg, from which institution he graduated in 1924. In school work Mr. Johnson takes a prominent part and is well fitted by education and executive ability to successfully build up any school that he has charge of.

BANK OF DECATUR, Decatur, Miss.---C. M. Wells, President; M. B. Potter, Cashier.---A bank that assists in all movements that have a progressive character in the advancement of Decatur and its surrounding section. Mr. Potter, the efficient cashier, always has time to give his attention to those projects that have merit. The Bank of Decatur is large enough to take care of the banking business in that section; it is liberal in policy but yet conservative, such as modern banking demands.

ROBERT S. HILL, Hickory, Miss.---Owner of the R. S. Hill Gas, Oil and Service Station. For forty years Mr. Hill has been an outstanding figure in the life of Hickory and has been and is one of the progressive citizens of that town. Mr. Hill was born in Smith county, Mississippi, where he received his education in the schools of that county, afterwards graduating from the Eastman Business College of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and attended the McFarland School of Pharmacy, of Macon, Ga. In 1898 he established his drug store, which is one of the leading stores of this character in the county. Later he established his gas and oil filling station. Besides these business interests he established a drug store at Lake and one at Lawrence. Mr. Hill is a large land owner and operates a large farm on which there are springs of mineral water which he is developing and intends to place on the market throughout the country. He has given this project considerable of his attention, for there are great medical properties in these waters. In the civic and fraternal life of the community Mr. Hill has served the town on the board of aldermen and is a member of the Masonic lodge, K. of P. and the Knights of Honor.

L. S. ROGERS, Greenwood, Miss.---Superintendent of the Leflore County Schools, a position that he has held for the past eight years to the satisfaction of all the people, which was demonstrated at the last election, when he was elected for another four years without opposition. For twenty years Mr. Rogers has followed the educational profession and is one of the best known educators in the state. He was born in Vaiden, Miss., attending the public school of that community and completed his work in Mississippi Colleges. During his term of office in Leflore county he has succeeded in building up one of the best school systems of any county in the state. He is an able executive and during his years in educational work he has studied faithfully those things that have been for the benefit of the schools under his jurisdiction. In his home city of Greenwood Prof. Rogers is popular and he takes a personal interest in matters that are for the good of the community.

LAWRENCE PRINTING CO., Greenwood, Miss.---This is the largest printing plant in North Mississippi and one of the best equipped in the state. They cater particularly to commercial, county, bank and printing for the cotton trades and have a clientele in five states. In another department is carried one of the largest stocks of office supplies and equipment in Mississippi and in this as well as in their printing department they enjoy a large business. Mr. E. Lawrence, the owner, has been in this business for twelve years, eight in Greenwood, and four in Grenada, his birthplace. He is a member of the local Rotary Club, Greenwood Country Club and various other trade organizations pertaining to the printing and office supply business.

every direction. This gravel can be found in almost all parts of the county and in easy distance of the highways. Having the best of road-making material in the county makes it possible to have good roads at a minimum cost. It also provides a source of income to the owners of these gravel beds.

The general health condition of the county is one hundred per cent normal. Nature, assisted by science, has given an unusually healthful area. The people of the county say that they are fast forgetting how malaria and typhoid affect people.

HOME OF A. C. TURNER, LEAKESVILLE

The climate and profuse vegetation makes the county a most desirable home for the birdman's friend in his war against insects. All the birds that are so very helpful in ridding our fields and crops of destructive pests are to be found in our woods and meadows. Then we have nature to thank for the beautiful, cheering songs of these birds as they pour out their hearts in praise. And last, but of great importance because of its influence upon the finer side of our lives, Nature has given us an attractive environment. With her wealth of wild, native, blossoming trees, shrubs, and smaller plants, the scenes that surround us during twelve months of the year may be rivaled but not surpassed by the beauty of any section. There is sure to be a favorable reaction in the character of the boys and girls reared in the midst of such picturesque haunts. These lovely scenes afforded by Nature should produce the same elevating influence that we strive for when we purchase beautiful pictures, good books, and musical instruments for our homes. Greene county, in southeast Mississippi, is truly a favored spot and offers wonderful natural opportunities to the home seeker.

LEAKESVILLE—The capital of Greene county, is a thrifty town made up of men and women that are interested in the advancement and development of their home community. They believe in Leakesville, Greene county, and Mississippi—they are true Mississippians.

There is one bank which is large enough to take care of the business of the county. The mercantile houses are of the class that carries a large and complete line of general merchandise. A good hotel is one of the assets of the town. The schools are of the best and of consolidated class, as are several of the schools of the county. There are several manufacturing plants, in the lumber manufacturing business and its kindred lines. Being the county seat it is the marketing place for the people of the county, although there are several smaller towns and communities in the county, several of which are sawmill communities, for there is a considerable amount of standing timber in the county.

Perry County

PERRY COUNTY is located in the sandy loam area of southern Mississippi sixty miles from the Gulf coast in the great coastal plain area of the United States. The soil ranges all the way from a coarse sand to the very best type of dark loam, and just underneath the top layer of loam is found a firm, deep red clay, making a very desirable subsoil for a large range of agricultural products. This combination of top soil enables the scientific farmers to store away ample water supply to tide almost any crop over whatever short drouths may come. It also assures the certainty of immediate cultivation after any downpour of rain. One outstanding feature of the soil in this county is that it takes less work to produce a crop than in almost any section to be found owing to the ease with which it may be handled. Nearly all the farmers in the county can cultivate their fields within two or three hours after any rain; and even during the growing seasons when wet cultivations are dangerous only two or

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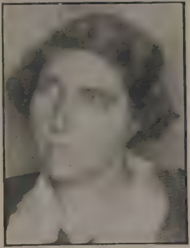
A LARGE VENEER MILL AT LEAKESVILLE

A NATIVE PINE FOREST IN MISSISSIPPI


MRS. BELLE M'CRAINE

MRS. BELLE McCRAINE, Centerville, Miss.---Editor and Publisher of the Centerville Jeffersonian, a well edited and printed paper carrying city, county and state news. Operating a job printing department. During the last few years a great many women have entered the newspaper field, in which they have been most succssful. In this instance we speak of Mrs. Belle B. McCraine, who has edited and published the Centerville Jeffersonian for the past ten years. Mrs. McCraine was born in Franklin county, Mississippi, and educated in the schools of Amite and Wilkinson counties and graduating at the high school of Centerville. For two years she taught school and then assisted her father in the newspaper field. Her father, the late J. T. Ballance, followed newspaper work for seventy-two years, and published this paper from 1907 until his death. Mrs. McCraine is an accomplished lady and held in the highest esteem by the people of the community in which she lives, and is one of the good boosters for Centerville, Wilkinson county and the good old state of Mississippi.

EMERSON B. ROBINSON, Centerville, Miss.---In all progressive centers there is to be found men who, through their efforts have been and are "builders" of such community. In Centerville is that sterling gentleman and esteemed citizen, Mr. Emerson B. Robinson, merchant, banker and plantation owner and operator. He was born in Amite county and educated in the schools of that county. Thirty years ago he commenced business in Centerville and has been successful in all of his undertakings. He is at present senior member of the Robinson Motor Company of Jackson, Miss., president of the Farmers Exchange Bank, of Centerville; president of the Robinson Mercantile Company, of Centerville, and a member of the Robinson Wholesale Grocery Company of the same place. He is a large cotton buyer, and has many other interests in the life of the city, county and state. Mr. Robinson is thoroughly progressive in his ideas and a good worker to put those ideas in force. In the civic and fraternal life of his home city he has served on the board of aldermen and is a member of the Masons, a Shriner and a K. of P., and an active member and worker in the Presbyterian church. He is a man of ability to do big things and his business life has proven his worth in the business world.

C. M. TREPPENDAHL, Woodville, Miss.---General merchandise dealer, operating a modernly equipped emporium of the department store class. He is also a wholesale dealer in groceries, being the owner of the Treppendahl Wholesale Grocery Company, a large establishment of this class. If you were to ask who are among the progressive men of Woodville, about the first named would be Mr. Treppendahl, for he believes in doing all that he can to assist in building up his home community and is a one hundred per cent "booster." Mr. Treppendahl was born in Denmark, receiving his education in that country. Twenty-four years ago he located in Woodville and in a small way went into the merchandising business, and has built his business up from that modest beginning to one of the largest in that section of the state. Started a little over a year ago in the wholesale business. Yet through that busy life he has never let an opportunity go by where he did not give his time and money toward any project of merit that would advance and benefit Woodville and its surrounding section. Mr. Treppendahl is a true "community builder," and has fostered many propositions that would assist his fellow men in life's work. In fraternal circles he is a Mason and a member of the Odd Fellows.

CHARLES C. GERMANY, Centerville, Miss.---It is with pleasure that we are permitted to write of this public spirited citizen who has, as a native son, put forth his energy to build greater and better the community in which he lives and does business. Mr. Germany is the owner and operates a Ford Sales and Service Station as his city business, but he is also an operator of large farm interests in the vicinity of Centerville. He has lived in Wilkinson county all of his life, receiving his education in the Centerville high school. He believes that good roads are the greatest developer of business for both the city and rural communities and has given much time and work in this line of progress. He also believes that education is the true foundation of progress and for that reason was one of a body of men who promoted the propositin to have a consolidated school in Centerville. He belives in the eradication of the cattle tick that dairying may become a larger industry and in this he is doing good work. Anything that is for the betterment of his home section he is for one hundred per eent. Mr. Germany is a member of the Masonic orders and that of the K. of P.

JAMES M. SESSIONS, Woodville, Miss.---Merchant and prominent and progressive citizen. Among those men of Woodville who have achieved prominence in their high citizenship we are pleased to speak of James M. Sessions, the oldest merchant in the city, as he commenced his work in this business in 1892. He has taken an active part in the civic and social life of the community, for four years from 1896 to 1900 he served the county as its sheriff, and has been a member of the board of county school trustees for the past twenty years, and has given his assistance to many projects for the advancement of this section. Mr. Sessions is prominent in the fraternal life of the city, being a member of the Masonic bodies and the Odd Fellows.

R. TOM WOOD, Woodville, Miss.---Manufacturer, Merchant and Live Stock Dealer. Prominent among the live business men of Woodville and one who believes in progress and assists in this work is the subject of this editorial mention. Mr. Wood was born in Montgomery county, Miss., and was educated in the schools of Winona, A. & M. College and the University of Mississippi, receiving his degrees of Ph.G., Ph.C., and B.S. He is the president of the Wally Drug Company, of McComb; president of the Service Drug Company, of Brookhaven, and has many other interests, being a successfull business man. He has devoted a considerable part of his time to the advancement of his home community.

WILLIAM F. TUCKER, Woodville, Miss.---Senior Member of the law firm of Tucker & Tucker. Mr. Tucker is a native Mississippian, born in Okolona, where he received his early educational training, finishing his school work in the National University of Ohio, and the Cumberland University of Tennessee. For 36 years he has practiced his profession, 35 years of which has been in Woodville. In the civic life of the city he has been and is a prominent figure. He has served the county in both houses of the state legislature, the larger part of the time since 1900. He was one of the trustees of the University of Mississippi and interested in many interests of his home community. Mr. Tucker is the true type of the man that a citizen should be.

three days are required for the drying of the lands before cultivation can begin. Crop failures are rare on account of too much rain, or on account of too little rain.

Practically every field, garden and fruit crop can be grown in Perry county. The number and variety can be determined by the farmer himself according to his individual likes and dislikes. But without exception, the main crop is cotton, because cotton has a sure cash value on the markets at all seasons. It does not deteriorate, when held for favorable prices, and is always counted as safe security for loans at the banks.

FIRST CROP OFTEN PAYS FOR LAND

Perry county does not produce any great quantity of corn, but that is not because it cannot be done. The records of many of the Corn Club Boys in the county show that all the way from 100 to 200 bushels of corn can be produced on acre of land.

Blue ribbon cane for the making of table syrup can be extensively grown on our soils. It is necessary, however, to apply some fertilizers to get the best results, but even at that it can be made a very profitable crop. Anywhere from 300 to 500 gallons of the finest syrup known for table use can be produced on one acre of land by applying a reasonable amount of fertilizer and careful cultivation. This syrup has a ready market value anywhere from 75 cents to $1.25 per gallon. Our summers are long enough to grow sugar cane advantageously.

The agricultural crop that is coming to the front more rapidly now than any other is that of the watermelon. The soil is particularly well adapted to the growth of the crop and the success with which the melons have been marketed make the melon crop a profitable one indeed. It takes about two and a half acres of land to produce from 1,000 to 1,200 melons—the average number for a carload. There is very little risk to run in the production of the crop because melons will produce well in almost any crop season we have in this country.

A CABBAGE PATCH ON CUT-OVER LAND

Oats and rye are two crops that are outstanding as winter pastures in our county. These crops can be planted any time during October or November and after a few weeks can be pastured for the remainder of the winter, furnishing ample grazing for sheep, cattle, hogs or chickens; and then the stock removed in the early spring from the fields permitting a profitable growth of grain to mature for harvest by May. Aside from being profitable for pasture and grain purposes, these crops furnish splendid cover crops for the field during the fall and winter seasons. This prevents the soils from washing and preserves the fertility of the land.

There is no limit to the number of pasture crops that may be grown in this county for grazing purposes. Carpet grass is fast becoming the choice permanent pasture

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LONGLEAF PINE TREES

PEACHES...TWELVE TO THE BASKET

BIRNEY IMES

BIRNEY IMES, Columbus, Miss.---Editor and Manager of the Commercial-Dispatch, the leading paper of Northeast Mississippi and one of the leading daily papers of the state. As a publisher and editor Mr. Imes has no peer in the state. From what was a weekly paper of a local character, he has through his able management built up the "Commercial-Dispatch" to its present high position in the newspaper world. Mr. Imes was born in Gloster, Amite county, Miss., receiving his education at the Franklin Academy, from which institution he is a graduate. He also attended the schools of Columbus and Mississippi College. For twenty-six years he has resided in Columbus and for sixteen years has been in the newspaper business in which he has been most successful. In the work of the Mississippi Press Association he has taken an active part and has served as vice-president and president of that organization. It was largely through his efforts that the meeting of the Association will this year be held at Columbus. When matters come up that are of benefit to his home city and trade community he forgets self and works for the benefit of the whole. This was well demonstrated in promoting the Frisco Railroad to come through his home county and city. In the social and fraternal life of Columbus Mr. Imes holds a high position and is a member of the Masonic bodies, Odd Fellows, K. of P., Elks, and the W. O. W.

H. M. PRATT, Columbus, Miss.---Business man and leading citizen of Columbus and Lowndes county, was born in Alabama and received his education in the schools of Prattsville, Ala., and finished his school work through his graduation from the University of Alabama. Eleven years ago he moved to Lowndes county and became one of the leading planters of that part of the state, and has been in this business for the past fifteen years, four years before coming to Mississippi. That he has been successful is shown by the work that he has done and the improvements that he has assisted to make in the farming and dairying business of that section. Being a man of exceptional business ability he has closely identified himself with the large business interests of Columbus and is a director in the Columbus National Bank and the Columbus Fire Insurance Company, and is the president of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, one of the live organizations of this character in the state. He is the president of the Columbus Rotary Club and of the Farm Bureau. In the fraternal life of the city he is a Mason and a Shriner, and belongs to the Kappa Alpha, his college society. Mr. Pratt was awarded the loving cup for 1927 for having rendered the most meritorious service to the community for that year, an honor well deserved by him .

H M PRATT

HICK H. McCLANAHAN, Columbus, Miss.---Mr. McClanahan is one of the real progressive citizens of Columbus and one of its leading business men, dealing in lumber and building material, at whose plant can be found everything to build the home, the business block or the larger public buildings. Mr. McClanahan is a native of Lowndes county and has lived in Columbus for twenty-five years and has been in this business all of the time. He has always taken part in the life of the city and community and has served the city as a member of the city council, where he gave the same attention to the business of the city as he does to his own personal enterprise. He is thoroughly sold to the great opportunities that the Columbus district affords in many lines of industry and gives his personal service towards promoting those projects that are for its betterment. In the social life of the city as in its civic life he holds a prominent place and is a member of the local Rotary Club and belongs to the K. of P. and the W. O. W.

BERTON A. LINCOLN, Columbus, Miss.---Junior Member of the law firm of Lincoln & Lincoln, and a leading member of the state legal fraternity. Mr. Lincoln was born in Columbus and has lived here all of his life, receiving his education in the schools of the city and at Mississippi A. & M. College. After receiving his law degree he returned to the city of his nativity and entered into the practice of his profession eight years ago, in which he has been most successful. He takes a strong position in the political life of the city, county and state, has served as member of the city council, was chancery clerk of Lowndes county for eight years and was a member of the state legislature during the sessions of 1922 and 1924 and was chairman of the railroad committee of the house of representatives, where he did good work retaining the good will of both the railroads and the laborers. His father has also held several offices and has been in public life more or less for the past fifty years or more. Mr. Lincoln is of a progressive mind, an advocate of reforestation and anything that will advance the state in its march of development. In the city's life he is a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows, K. of P. and the Baptist church.

JULIAN B. HOPKINS, Columbus, Miss.---Vice-President and Treasurer of the Mississippi Investment and Insurance Corporation, handling a general line of insurance, the largest company of this character in northeast Mississippi. Mr. Hopkins is a native son of Lowndes county, receiving his education in the schools of the county, and has lived in Columbus for the past thirty-five years and has been in his present business for eighteen years. In the activities of development work in this section he is interested and takes a prominent part and gives his assistance when needed to advance the interests of his home community. In fraternal circles Mr. Hopkins is a Scottish Rite Mason; he is also a member of the local Kiwanis Club and the Magower Gun and Country Club.

FRANCIS A. PARKER, Lumberton, Miss.---Editor and Publisher of the "Progressive Citizen," the paper that each week broadcasts to the world the good things possessed by its home community. Mr. Parker is a native of Jasper county, Miss., receiving his education in the schools of his native county. After finishing school he decided to follow the printing business as his life's work and attended, and learned the printing trade at the Southwestern School of Printing, and has now been in the business for four years. Two years ago he purchased the "Progressive Citizen," published at Lumberton, and has ably and successfully published that paper since that time. The office is well fitted with a modern typesetting machine and well supplied with the most popular faces of type. The "Citizen" is ably and well edited and printed and has a large circulation, which makes it a good medium for advertising. General job printing is also done in all of its branches. Mr. Parker is a progressive citizen, working for all time in the advancement that Lumberton is enjoying. He is the secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce and gives that organization considerable of his attention.

JESSE L. THOMAS, Purvis, Miss.---Editor, Publisher and Owner of the well known and popular newspapers, the Purvis "Booster" and the Sumrell "News."---Mr. Thomas is one of Mississippi's native sons, born in Clark county, and has lived here since childhood. Eight years ago he purchased the "Booster," which by close attention to business he built up to a high position among the newspapers of the state. Later he established the Sumrell "News," which has also taken a prominent position in the journalistic world. His plant is well equipped with the best of presses and typesetting machines and supplied with the most popular and latest faces of display type for doing general job printing, operated by skilled workmen at all times under the personal supervision of Mr. Thomas, who is a practical printer and a skilled workman. Mr. Thomas was educated in the schools of Purvis and is a graduate of the Purvis High School. For the past twelve years he has held the office of city clerk to the satisfaction of his fellow citizens, and in the fraternal and social life of the community he is active and is a 32d degree Mason. Mr. Thomas is an able writer, which is shown in the columns of his papers. That he is an able business man is demonstrated by the success that he has attained as a publisher.

PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK, STARKVILLE, MISS.

A Roll of Honor Bank with Surplus and Undivided Profits more than its Capital Stock. Assets over One Million. Write this bank about the advantages of Starkville and Oktibbeha County.

grass. There are numerous others that are equally as successful.

All the favorable conditions necessary to make poultry raising a success are to be found in this county. The winters are mild, the summers are not overly hot, the seasons for poultry pastures extend through the entire twelve months of the year, and the growing of all kinds of grains necessary for the feeding of the chickens is an easy matter. Proper sanitary precautions will keep the poultry flocks in healthy, thriving condition; and either eggs, or young chickens, can be produced for the markets at very little cost. We are just beginning to ship chickens from our county in carload lots, and those shipped to date have brought the producers fancy prices. One of the greatest fields for development is to be found in the poultry industry.

CUT-OVER LAND PRODUCES ANY CROP

With our mild, short winters, with our long pasturing seasons, and the comparative ease with which livestock may be kept in this county there is no reason why dairying and other livestock industries should not come to the front. All the grain needed can be readily produced here on our soils, and it is a safe prediction that one day in the near future livestock will make up a large item in our industries.

The pecan is a native of this country and the largest pecan grove in the world is located in a nearby county. This bids fair to become a great pecan growing area, and there have already been large settings that are producing a large profit each year. The lands on which pecan groves are being grown need not lie idle during the early years in the growth of the grove. Such crops as cotton, corn, peas, etc., may be grown at considerable profit and at the same time the young pecan trees will get just the kind of cultivation necessary to make them grow best. The trees begin to bear from five to eight years of age, and soon begin to bring in large yields each season. Many of the nuts grown on the trees in our groves are sent to market throughout the country.

There is no limit to the different varieties of fruit that can be raised here—peaches, apples, pears, figs and many other kinds, with special emphasis on the strawberries. Strawberries fresh for the table, and for preserves, and for shipping. There is no country anywhere more suitable for the growth of these fruits than Perry county. But it may not be out of place to put some special word in for the peach growing possibilities of our county. This crop is rarely a failure on account of weather conditions, the soil and climate are very suitable, and peaches can successfully be produced as is shown by many thriving orchards in this county.

The "scuppernong" grape and the others of the family are to be found in the various orchards and vineyards. It is predicted by those who are experts along this line, that this county will one day be a great grape producing county, and that in the near future grape juice will be manufactured from our vineyards to supply the great markets of the world. We would not attempt to guess at the possibilities of this particular industry.

NEW AUGUSTA—Is the county capital of Perry county and is a progressive community, being surrounded by a fairly well developed agricultural and horticultural section.

RICHTON—Is the largest town in the county and is particularly active in its busy mercantile and progressive life. There is a strong and ably operated bank. Several mercantile establishments that would do credit to a much larger town. The newspaper is well edited and printed and holds a high place among the papers of the state.

There are several small communities in the county, each active in its special work.

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SHOWING SIX-WEEKS COWPEAS IN SOIL FERTILIZER TEST

SOYBEANS TWO MONTHS OLD

A Visit to PINEY WOODS SCHOOL, Piney Woods, Miss.

By

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The Illinois Central Magazine

A VIEW OF THE BUILDINGS AT PINEY WOODS SCHOOL---BUILT BY THE STUDENTS

It is the Piney Woods School, about twenty-five miles south of Jackson, Miss., on the G. & S. I. division; and today, October 5, simultaneously marks the end of the school summer session---the graduation of a class of twelve summer students---and the beginning of the regular fall course. The Illinois Central, along its 9,000 miles of line numbers many a school and college of all sorts and conditions. But it is safe to say that there is no more unique school nor, it may be added, a school doing a more worthy and satisfactory work than Piney Woods for the practical training of negroes in the Mississippi hills. . . .

At this school hundreds of young negroes are yearly receiving a well-balanced course of instructions to get them, not to enter the field of public life and politics in the north, but to cope successfully with every-day problems of making a home and living, in their native Southland. They are really trained---trained in head and heart and hand. When they come out of Piney Woods School they not only know things; they know how to do things. Hand in hand with the courses in book learning which give them the equivalent of a high school education, they learn the application of the theoretical knowledge they have obtained. Agriculture, mechanical, arts and trades, domestic science, in their various branches; these are the three main courses of training which the Piney Woods student receives.

Since the moral and religious tone of the school is high these boys and girls become better men and women for their training. And since the proof of the pudding is in the eating, it might be mentioned that graduates of Piney Woods School are always in demand throughout Mississippi and elsewhere, where there are jobs to be given to reliable and competent colored men and women.

The white visitors to the graduation exercises on October 5 saw more than one practical demonstration of the ability of the students. They saw young negro women come out and cook a most palatable meal before their very eyes on the stage. They saw another girl show something of the art of weaving beautiful and sweet-smelling baskets out of the long pine needles which grow in abundance on the school land. They heard yet another play competently on the piano; another tell of what she had learned of the balanced ration. Still another gave evidence of a most satisfactory training in physical culture.

They listened to a students' orchestra directed by a student bandmaster and trained to maintain that beautiful rhythm which seems to be a peculiar inherent quality of the colored race.

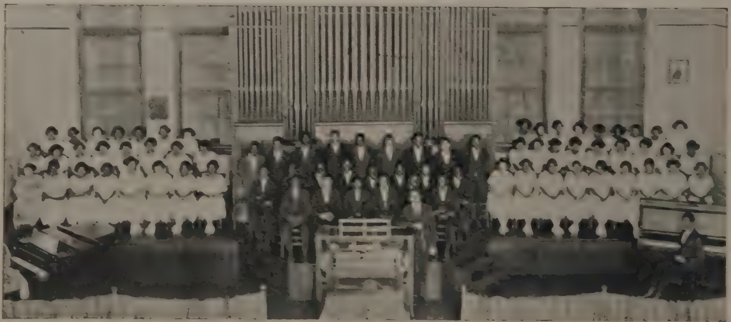
And they saw and heard other things. One member of the graduating class---a man in his 40's with a family of twelve children who worked all the while he was taking his class work at Piney Woods---told of his success in his agricultural activities and about the raising of hogs and the feed for stock.

The story of Piney Woods School goes back some nineteen years to the time when Laurence Jones, a young negro graduate of the University of Iowa, came south when the ink was hardly dry on his diploma. Imbued with the desire to provide education for the negroes in Mississippi, he set about it with great energy and wisdom. . . .

Laurence Jones combined, with his very honest desire to provide practical training for his people, a great amount of native shrewdness and more-than-native ability. He saw, what many another from the North has failed to see, that the idea of Booker T. Washington is correct and that what the Southern negroes need is an education that will fit them for meeting the problems of making a living in their homeland. They needed, in addition to a certain amount of book learning, thorough courses in manual training and---more than anything else---in agriculture. The recent growth of scientific farming in Mississippi has provided great openings for men equipped with a knowledge of how to farm on the improved scale.

Every building on the place, brick and wood, was built by the Piney Woods students. There is a two-story brick administration building, a community house, a girls' dormitory, an academic building, to mention the larger structures. There are more than 700 acres of land under student cultivation. Corn, sorghum cane, beans, sweet potatoes, peas, truck garden products---these all are raised at Piney Woods.

JACKSON COLLEGE, Jackson, Mississippi



Jackson College, situated geographically in the center of the state and operated by the Board of the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York, is an instiutution founded in 1877 for the education of freedmen, preachers and teachers. Keeping steadily to its purpose through the years, thousands of negroes have been trained and sent out from this institution.

The location of the college at Jackson places it at the commercial center and gives it every strategic advantage in the midst of a constituency numbering more than a million. Hence the growth and permanency of Jackson College may be easily predicted, provided the environmental life of the people peculiar to this section be united with the aims, purposes and courses of instruction in the college. Jackson College is co-educational and distinctly Christian.

Jackson College is not a large school---but its ideal is that it shall be a good school recognized for the character of its student scholarship and great in its spirit and purpose.

In lieu of the foregoing and to assure growth and permanency the college stands preeminently in need of friends who will make possible the following:

Endowment	$400,000
Buildings	150,000
Eqiupment	50,000

Looking forward today to a "Better Jackson College" tomorrow.

JACKSON COLLEGE
B. B. DANSBY,
President.

Forrest County

THE people of Hattiesburg are of the most optimistic kind, for they will always say "business is good," and if business is good in Hattiesburg it is in Forrest county, for the city covers a trade territory of from twenty-five to fifty miles.

Yes, Forrest county is becoming better and bettter developed every day, for the people of the county have long since realized that section of the state possesses great resources and opportunities, and they also have the energy and spirit of co-operation to develop these great natural resources.

A GOOD ROAD IN MISSISSIPPI

Outside of Hattiesburg there are no large towns in the county, but each of these towns, small as they may be, are marketing and industrial centers, each striving to grow bigger in the commerce of the state, and particularly to take advantage of natural resources that are found in all parts of the country.

For years the principal business has been lumbering and the manufacturing of lumber products, but now that a great portion of the timber has been cut off the attention and work of a great many have been turned to agricultural and horticultural pursuits, and some of the best farms and fruit orchards in the state are found in Forrest county. The land of that section is rich in its productive energy. Possibly the largest interest is the growing of cotton, but this does not deter them from taking advantage of intensive diversification in all agricultural and horticultural crops, for about anything planted will grow on the lands of Forrest county.

Cattle raising and dairying is fast coming to the front and this promises to become a very large industry as soon as certain conditions that are now in process of regulation become actual facts and the cattle tick is eradicated so that blooded, high bred cattle will live and thrive. When this is done watch the people of Forrest county go into that business in the right way, and take a leading part in the industry in south Mississippi.

A few years ago we were shown a grove of several hundred hickory trees that had been grafted with the pecan, and they were doing nicely and producing as good a nut as the regular pecan tree. Leave it to the people of Forrest county to grasp and take advantage of opportunity; they are doing it every day.

But with all this they are not selfish, but rather invite you to come and be one of them, for there are thousands of acres of idle cut-over land that is waiting development, land that can be bought at the present time very cheap considering its productiveness. The climate is ideal; one can work three hundred and sixty-five days a year; living conditions are of the best and your neighbor is a real friend; these things invite you to its citizenship. The county is traversed by several railroads, the main line of the Gulf & Ship Island branch of the Illinois Central Railroad passes through the county from north to south, as does the main line of the Southern, running from Birmingham to New Orleans. The Mississippi Central crosses the state from east to west and there are one or two other roads of less importance that run through some part of the county.

The motor roads leading in all directions are mostly hard surfaced with gravel, for Forrest county has an abundance of road building material in all parts of the county. There are also several fine buiding sand beds that are worked. The main roads running north and south known as the "Dixie Highway" and the "Jackson Highway" are both graveled roads all the way, as are several of the roads running east and west. Some day in the near future the north and south roads will be paved.

If you want to find a home where the environs are ideal, then look over what Forrest county has to offer you.

HATTIESBURG—The "Hub City," where business is always good, is one of the largest cities in the state. Its streets are well paved, the city having done a great deal of this work during the past two years, especially the streets and roads that lead out of the city. Hattiesburg is the capital of Forrest county, and is a city progressive.

What makes business good in Hattiesburg? There are a number of answers to this question, for there are many elements that enter into the bringing about of progress and prosperity in a community.

First, we are fortunate in having a superior class of merchants and business men in Hattiesburg, who are not only devoting their time and talent in the way of "trade promotion," with a view of increasing their sales, but their businesses are conducted along the lines of "modern merchandising." The merchant not only profits himself by such conduct of his business, but his customer shares in the benefits. Merchandising and trade relations of all kinds have become a science and the business interests at Hattiesburg are being conducted with due regard to all scientific and improved methods looking forward to improvement at all times, with mutual profit to the buyer and the seller.

The next reason for business being good, is that Hattiesburg is bordered on all sides with a fine trade territory with a wonderful lot of folks that go to make it up. This trade area comprising about 30 to 50 miles in all directions, with a large number of small but prosperous towns and communities, has a population of about 160,000 people. This territory is so situated and made accessible to Hattiesburg by good roads, and excellent railroad facilities, that the whole of it is just like one big city. All people in South Mississippi come to Hattiesburg for "everything."

The first three elements, therefore, contributory to the success and progress of this city may be summed up as follows: Modern and efficient merchandising, excellent trade territory, and its accessibility to this trading area.

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GEO. J. LEFTWICH

GEO. J. LEFTWICH, Aberdeen, Miss.---Member of the law firm of Leftwich & Tubb, Vice-President and Director of the Monroe Banking & Trust Company, and one of the most prominent attorneys at law Mississippi. He attended the law schools of the University of Virginia and Cornell University at Ithaca, of that state, afterwards graduating from the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, and was for several years before beginning the practice of law principal of high schools in the states of Illinois and Mississippi. He attended the law schools of the University of Virginia and Cornell University at Ithica, New York. Mr. Leftwich has practiced law for forty years with success. He is an able and conscientious lawyer and a gentleman of the highest character. During his life in Aberdeen and Monroe county he has always taken an active interest in the development and upbuilding of the community and its institutions. During the sessions of the state legislature from 1908 to 1912, he served his district in the state senate. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Mississippi Historical Society and has always taken a prominent place in the work of that organization. He is the author of many articles found in its published volumes. In fraternal circles Mr. Leftwich is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and was the first Exalted Ruler in the Aberdeen lodge. He has been for many years official member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and a lay delegate to many annual conferences and a lay member of three general conferences of that church. He has for many years been a teacher of a large adult bible class in the local Methodist church at Aberdeen.

EDWARD A. STINSON, Aberdeen, Miss.---Civil Engineer, in charge of public utilities of the progressive city of Aberdeen. Mr. Stinson is a native of Mississippi, born at Canton, Madison county. He attended the common and high school of Canton and graduated from the engineering department of Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College. For twenty-one years he has held the position with the city of Aberdeen, in charge of the water works department and streets. It has been Mr. Stinson's ambition to make Aberdeen "The City Beautiful" and in this he has succeeded, for it is one of the most beautiful cities in the state, the main street being wide and modernly paved, the ground running through the center of the street, giving the two driveways. We do not think that there is a more popular man in Aberdeen than Mr. Stinson, for he is one of those courteous gentlemen who makes friends and keeps such friendship. The writer has known him for the past six years and admires his high citizenship and progressiveness. There is no project that is for the betterment of his home city and community that does not have his endorsement and aid wherever he can give it. In social circles he is an active member of the local lodge of Elks and the Rotary Club.

EDWARD A. STINSON

CONDIE L. TUBB, Aberdeen, Miss.--Member of the law firm of Leftwich & Tubb, the leading law firm of Monroe county. In speaking of the men who are progressive in advancing the work of developing the resources of Aberdeen and its community we wish to speak of that sterling gentleman who has spent practically all of his life in Monroe county, Mr. Condie L. Tubb. He was born in Monroe county and received his education in the common school there, later graduating from the National Normal University of Lebanon, Ohio, and the University of Mississippi and was admitted to practice law in 1897 when he returned to his home city and opened his law office, in which he has been very successful. From 1892 to 1896 he served the people of the county as superintendent of schools, and it was through his efforts while in this office that the foundation of the school system of Monroe county was laid. In the social and civic circles of Aberdeen, Mr. Tubb is prominent and is a member of the Masons, Elks and Odd Fellows; he is also ex-president of Aberdeen Rotary Club and the college fraternity Chi Chapter D. K. E.

J. T. EVANS, Amory, Miss.---Superintedent of the Amory City Schools, an educator who has made good in his profession. Professor Evans is one of Mississippi's native sons and has spent the larger part of his life in the state. He was educated in the schools of the state and graduated from Mississippi College with the class of 1917, and he is a candidate for his Ph.D. degree at the University of Indiana. For ten years he has been teaching, and was for seven years located at Flora, Madison county, where he helped to build up that school from a five teacher school to an All Southern affiliated school. For two years he has been located at Amory as the head of the schools of the city, a position by reason of his ability and experience to administer successfully. He is a highly educated gentleman and a man of worth to the community in which he resides. Mr. Evans is a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the different orders and branches of that lodge; he is also an active member of the local Kiwanis Club. In college societies he is a member of the Phi Delta Kappa. Being a good Mississippian, he believes that the schools of the state should teach Mississippi to its students; especially regarding the mineral wealth, its agricultural possibilities and many kindred lines that all good people of the state should know.

THERON D. HARDEN, Amory, Miss.---Editor and Publisher of the Amory News, and also editor and publisher of the Ittawamba County News located at Fulton in that county. Three years ago he bought the "News" at Fulton and from practically nothing made a real newspaper out of it. The Amory News he really established two years ago by purchasing the Amory Progress which was not of much prestige in the territory and Mr. Harden also made a modern newspaper out of it after renaming the paper. He is an able writer and business man and his experience in the newspaper field has given him the practical experience that is so necessary to publish a weekly newspaper successfully. He was born in Ittawamba county and educated in the schools of Fulton. When but fifteen years of age he published the "News" from 1915 to 1918 when he decided to teach school after graduating from Mississippi A. & M. College; for two years he did this work, one year at Greenwood, Miss., and one year at the University of Tennessee. Then he again turned to his first love and bought the paper that he had published when a small boy in his teens. Today the two papers that he edits and publishes are rated among the best weekly papers in that section of the state. The plants are modern in their equipment and all kinds of job printing and publishing are done. The Amory News covers the oil news of that section of the state and Alabama and covers it well.

JOHN THOMAS SENTER, Amory, Miss.---Publisher and writer, now connected with the Amory News, covering the oil and gas news of that section where the natural gas wells are in operation. He has been in this field for the past year. For ten years Mr. Senter, or "Jack" Senter as most poeple know him, has been in the newspaper business and for a time was located at Columbus on the "Commercial," now consolidated with the Columbus Commercial-Dispatch. He afterwards went to West Point and purchased the Times-Herald, which he ran as a daily for a time, and then was in Florida, and later in Arkansas in the same work. Recently he was connected with the Mississippi-Alabama Oil and Gas News, leaving that publication to accept his present position on the Amory News. Mr. Senter is a native of Columbus, Lowndes county, receiving his education in the schools of that city. He is a member of the National Press Association, the Elks and the K. of P. Mr. Senter has the reputation of being a good writer and one who understands and knows "news value" when he finds it and places it before the public in a readable manner. Being a good Mississippian he is consequently a booster for the state and especially of the territory in which he lives.

C. E. SAUNDERS, Aberdeen, Miss.---Superintendent of the Aberdeen Public Schools, a position that he has filled most successfully for the past five years, during which time he has put forth all of his energy in increasing the efficiency of the schools and building them up to a high standard in the educational world of Mississippi. He most materially assisted in the building of the new high school, which is one of the best equipped in that section of the state. In the social life of Aberdeen Mr. Saunders takes a prominent part and is an active member of the local Rotary Club.

COMMERCIAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, Aberdeen, Miss.---J. C. McFarland, president. This is one of the leading banks of Monroe county, and has stood as a bulwark of progressive thought for several years. It is a bank that is liberal with its customers, yet realizing the necessity of being conservative conforming with modern banking. The officers of the bank are men who believe in a great future for Aberdeen and its surrounding community and are willing assistants where co-operation is necessary for the advancement of the Aberdeen trade territory.

The schools are typical of the rest of the county and that means that they are of the highest standard. Practically all of them in the rural districts are consolidated schools, with several high schools and agricultural high schools that are on the accredited list in all state colleges and some all southern colleges. In Hattiesburg is the State Teachers' College and Mississippi Woman's College, thus giving the county the best of educational advantages.

Lamar County

TAKING all things into consideration there is no county in South Mississippi that has gone ahead in progressive work more than Lamar county. It is ideally located in one of the richest soil sections of the state and the people have been working to develop and bring forth what nature has given the county.

The two principal towns in the county are Purvis and Lumberton. Purvis is the county capital and is a markeing center for a rich and well developed surrounding territory. The mercantile establishments are of a high character, covering all marts of trade.

AND CROPS LIKE THIS ARE ALSO GROWN

The Lamar Agricultural High School is one of the institutions of Purvis. For three years Prof. R. L. Anderson has had charge of this school and he has taught in the schools of Purvis for the past seven years, four years in the Purvis High School. He is a man of strong executive ability and a successful educator. The board of trustees at a recent meeting elected him as superintendent of the school for another term.

PURVIS has an ably edited and well-printed weekly newspaper in the "Booster," edited by Jesse L. Thomas, an able man of affairs and one of the good "boosters" of Lamar coutny.

Purvis is a large marketing center for cotton and all kinds of agricultural and horticultural products, considerable trucking of vegetables is done, and this business is growing. There are several herds of cattle in the county and this is another industry that is growing as the conditions are very much in favor of extensive dairying.

LUMBERTON—Is situated in the extreme southern part of the county and is the home of the Edward Hines Yellow Pine Trustees' large sawmill, one of the largest in the state. There are several large and small nurseries in the vicinity of Lumberton. The Bass Nurseries, principally for the production of the pecan, is the largest establishment of this character in the world. When visiting Lumberton or are in that neighborhood, it will pay you well to visit this nursery. Mr. I. H. Bass, the proprietor, is a most courteous gentleman and gladly shows visitors his vast interests. The Lumberton Nurseries is another large and growing interest of this character. Here is grown pecan trees and many other kinds of nursery stock. Mr. J. O .Williams is the manager, a young man educated in this line of work. The Pigford Nurseries is another large project of this character.

The business interests of the city are well taken care of by able men who thoroughly understand their several lines of trade. There is a large wholesale establishment, a weekly paper, "The Citizen," and several manufacturing interests large and small. There are two banks. The First National Bank being the oldest and largest, having been in operation for several years.

There are several other small towns and communities in the county that are marketing places, for Lamar county is fortunate in having two railroads, the Southern running north and south and the Columbia division of the G. & S. I. running east and west.

Lamar county stands on par with any county in the state in its many natural resources and the opportunities afforded. Its people are thrifty and are willing to divide with the newcomer the ideal beauties that go to make up a happy and contented life. They ask you to come and be one of them.

Marion County

MARION COUNTY is one of the most progressive in South Mississippi and geographically one of the most conveniently situated. Pearl River passes through the center of the county, and it can be made navigable for small boats from the Gulf. The Columbia division of the Gulf & Ship Island branch of the Illinois Central Railroad passes through the county as does the New Orleans and Great Northern Railroad. The Fern wood and Gulf Railroad also reaches as far as Columbia in the county, and this combined with the good graveled roads radiating in all directions gives Marion county the very best of transportation facilities.

The productive energy of the lands of the county are one hundred per cent in their efficiency to produce any crop that is planted and given proper care. The people of Marion county are a thrifty and law abiding citizenship, believing that the courts are the proper place to settle all disputes. A citizenship of this high order can be nothing but a progressive one, which is one of the principal reasons that the county in its productive energy is so well developed.

To the world the people extend the glad hand of welcome to all to come and share the great opportunities that are to be found here. To the farmer a special invitation is given, for there are many acres of land not under cultivation that is just as productive as those that are developed. It has been thoroughly demonstrated that the lands in this section are among the richest in the state.

COLUMBIA—Is the capital of the county and is one of the best cities in the state. The people all believe in their city and community and to a one work for the upbuilding and development of the resources afforded, taking advantage of all opportunities that come that way.

The business houses are metropolitan in character, each covering their special line of trade. The hotel accommodations are equal to those of the large cities, the two leading hotels being the "Marion" and the "Bayliss." The Columbia Country Club has a handsome, modern club house and a splendid 9-hole golf course with rolling fairways and all grass greens.

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EDWARD ROWLANDS, Picayune, Miss.---Lumberman, Banker and Progressive Citizen.---Edward Rowlands is a native of Michigan, but for the past ten years has been a resident of Picayune and one of the city's leading citizens, taking an active part in those matters and projects that have a tendency to advance the interests of the city and community in which he lives. He is a good Mississippian, one who is willing at all times to give his assistance when needed. In the business life of Picayune he is the vice-president of the Goodyear Yellow Pine Lumber Company, operating one of the largest and best equipped lumber mills in the state. He is also president of the Pearl River County Bank, a bank where service to the people is paramount. In the civic life of the city he is now serving as a member of the board of aldermen, and in the work of this body he gives it the same careful attention that he does his personal business. Mr. Rowlands is a prominent member of the Masonic bodies and is the commander of Picayune Commandery. Besides the numerous business interests with which he is connected, he is active in the development of this section of the state, firmly believing that there is a great future for this community in the years to come.

PAUL V. ROWLANDS, Picayune, Miss.---A progressive business man who has achieved success in the world of affairs.---Paul V. Rowlands is a native of Michigan, but has been a resident of Mississippi for the past ten years, locating at Picayune. When he came to the state he engaged in the lumber business, and is now the vice-president and general manager of the Pearl River Valley Railroad. Being an engineer by profession he built this short line which runs from Nicholson to Rowlands, mostly situated in Pearl River county. He is also interested in several other projects that are of a progressive and demonstrative nature, especially in tree and fruit culture and is part owner of a nursery that covers some two hundred acres of land in its different departments, producing several varieties of fruit trees and budding plants. Mr. Rowlands received his education in the schools of Michigan and at Biltmore Forest School. Later he studied civil engineering and forestry in Germany, and is highly skilled in these lines of work. In the industrial life of Pearl River county he is a prominent figure and takes a prominent part in those activities of the community that are intended to develop the resources of that section of the state. In fraternal and civic circles he is active in the Masonic orders and the K. of P. His cheerful characteristics make Mr. Rowlands popular with a large circle of friends. In the growing of peaches in Pearl River county Mr. Rowlands takes an active interest and is personally connected with development of this character.

SIMEON L. STRINGER, Poplarville, Miss.---Educator and President of Pearl River College, located at Poplarville.---Education is the true foundation of all progressive thought. Believing in this Professor Stringer has attained a high position in his chosen life's work. He was born in Bay Springs, Jasper county, Miss., and received his early education in the public schools of that county. Afterwards attending the Southern Normal University of Tennessee, Kentucky State Normal School of Bowling Green, and received his Master Degree from the University of Mississippi. For fifteen years he has been actively engaged in educational work. Twelve years of this was in summer school work at Hattiesburg, and for the past one and one-half years has been at the head of Pearl River College, a college which has a high rating among the schools of the South and is an all Southern accredited school. The college grounds and buildings are beautifully and conveniently situated about one-half mile west of Poplarville on a hill, which gives a most pleasing surrounding. The buildings are nicely grouped and are substantial brick structures. Since coming to take charge of this educational institution Mr. Stringer has taken an active part in the promotion of those projects that have assisted in the advancement of the community. He is a member of the Masonic orders, a Praetorian, W. O. W., and a deacon in the Baptist church.

R. J. FURR, Picayune, Miss.---Editor and Publisher of the "Picayune Item."---The "Picayune Item" has attained a high position among the newspapers of Mississippi during the administration of the present owner, and has grown from a very small country paper until today it takes a modernly equipped printing plant to get out this weekly. The plant is fitted with the best of typesetting machines, the most modern presses, and the latest approved faces of display type, giving employment to skilled printers. The "Picayune Item" is a paper that is one of the best advertising mediums, a good clean print and filled with local, community and state news. Mr. Furr, the editor, is a native of the town of Wesson, Miss., where he received his early education. Some twenty years ago he moved to Picayune and became active in all movements of a progressive nature (and one must be active in that fast growing city). Ten years ago he started in the publishing business in a small way, but being a good business man he has succeeded in this particular work, until today his paper is a large factor in broadcasting the possibilities of his home section. Besides publishing the paper his office is fitted in all respects for turning out all kinds of job printing. In the social life of Picayune he is a prominent figure, is a member of the Masonic bodies and active in the work carried on by the Picayune Exchange Club.

E. H. HYDE, Poplarville, Miss.---Poplarville's Leading Druggist.---Mr. Hyde is one of those progressive citizens who have visions of a greater state, knowing well that as the state advances in its greatness the community in which he lives must grow in population and wealth. Believing this, Mr. Hyde is active in all matters that will assist in the state's development, that his home city may get its share of the good things to come. Mr. Hyde has lived in Poplarville for the past twenty-five years, receiving his education in the schools of the county. For the past eighteen years he has operated a modern pharmacy and has built up a large and successful business establishment. Yet, with his labors as a business man, he has taken an active interest in county affairs and has served Pearl River county as its treasurer, and as a justice of the peace. Mr. Hyde's activities have been of such a character that he is one of the best known men in the county and farther afield for that matter. In the social and fraternal life of the community he holds the friendship of his fellow citizens, and is active as a member of the local lodges of Masons and Elks.

Columbia has a population of nearly five thousand and is a city of beautiful homes with a charming location in the highlands overlooking the picturesque Pearl River. Aside from being an industrial center, rapid strides have been made along agricultural lines, cotton, pecans, peaches and potatoes being the leading crops. The peach crop in the Marion county territory is one of the largest in south Mississippi. This industry is comparatively new, as the commencement only dates back a very few years and is the work that the Gulf & Ship Island Railroad Company first inaugurated.

The schools of Columbia are of the best, as they are throughout Marion county, the city high school is composed of a group of handsome brick buildings near the center of the city, making it convenient for the pupils. As it is a separate high school, the students are brought to school and taken home in buses.

A TRUCKING FIELD---ONE OF MANY

Columbia may well feel proud of the fact that it has one of the best, if not the best-appointed private hospital in the state, operated by Dr. J. G. Gardner. It is situated ideally in the center of the activities of the city and the building and grounds cannot but attract the stranger.

There are several large industries in the city, the leader being the large saw mills operated by the Hugh White Lumber Company. There are two banks with large resources, two newspapers, the "Columbian" and the "Progress;" the former is edited and published by Mr. W. C. Callender, and the latter by Mr. Lem S. Pittman. The Mississippi Industrial and Training School is located in Columbia, situated about two miles from the city. The superintendent of this institution is Mr. Fred C. Yates, a young man of ability and practical experience, as he has been connected with the school for several years.

The streets of Columbia are well paved and kept clean and sanitary and the roads that radiate out to all parts of the county are either graveled or graded.

The citizenship of Columbia is high in character, and made up of progressive and aggressive men. There is a live and working Chamber of Commerce with a large membership and several social and luncheon clubs.

Dairying and poultry are fast becoming large interests in the county, and these just started. The live secretary of the Chamber of Commerce is taking up the dairying proposition for securing a creamery and milk station, thus getting the wedge started for bigger things. Columbia is bound to become one of the best cities in the state.

Walthall County

THE Land of Real Living. Our land is far above the average South Mississippi land in that, it is not sand, rocky or swampy. We have a mellow, brown or chocolate loam soil of good depth on clay sub-soil. The surface is practically level to gently rolling and is well drained. We have no drainage taxes; our total taxes on cultivated land will average about fifty cents per acre annually.

We do not have blizzards here, cold weather is 30 to 40 above zero, and we do not have extreme heat like states farther north because we are near the Gulf and we get a delightful breeze. Nights are especially comfortable.

Walthall county is in the famous Ozone Belt, noted for pure air and water. The government statistics show that Mississippi has lowest death rate in the Union and Walthall county to be the healthiest county. The elevation will average about 400 feet. This is a new and small county made from a portion of Pike and a portion of Marion counties. There are dozens of real nice rural or community churches and 15 consolidated schools in the county, with three to seven teachers each, three of which are agricultural vocational training schools. All have free bus service for the pupils. Social and educational advantages are very attractive here.

Walthall county has an expert agricultural agent also an expert home demonstration agent, both rendering exceptionally good service in their work.

There are approximately 1,500 farms in Walthall county, the average ranging between 80 and 100 acres, and our farmers can successfully raise a wonderful variety of crops, including corn, oats, cowpeas, soy beans, velvet beans, navy beans, cotton, a variety of grasses and hays, peanuts, rye, sorghum, sugar cane, all kinds of garden truck, potatoes, tobacco, fruit (including Satsuma oranges), figs, strawberries, grapes, plums, paper shell pecans and many others. We can grow and market a crop every month in the year. And, on account of our mild winters and great variety of forage crops, we have one of the best districts in the United States for dairying, raising cattle, hogs, sheep and poultry. We can produce beef and pork 50 per cent cheaper than the North. We do not have to have tight, expensive buildings like the blizzard-stricken North, our stock and poultry ranges in the open all the year and are not subject to diseases so prevalent in other districts.

The county averages 20,000 bales of cotton annually in addition to other crops; truck, poultry, livestock and dairying products, which bring several millions of dollars to our farmers. People living in the cold, one-crop North and other sections should come and investigate Walthall county, the land of perpetual raising and grazing, where the climate and soil are never idle. Our farmers have plenty of cheap labor and can get two good crops and winter pasture on the same land and have the advantage of good markets and transportation—two railroads and improved highways in all directions. We have 260 to 280 growing days while Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio have 150 to 180. Think of the difference.

You can drive from here to historical old New Orleans, Pass Christian, Bay St. Louis, Gulfport, Biloxi, Hattiesburg, Jackson, Natchez, and Vicksburg on improved highways for a day's outing and combine business with pleasure.

You need some of our good land and Walthall county welcomes you. Come and see us.

TYLERTOWN—The county seat of Walthall county is a progressive town of about 1,600 people. Has nice improved and well cared for streets, one of the best and most modern courthouses in the state, a number of up-to-date stores (including three department stores)), two

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B. H. POLK

B. H. POLK, Prentiss, Miss.---Bank Teller. A citizenship of young men that take a personal interest in the welfare and upbuilding of the community in which they live is one of the largest assets that a community could have. In this instance we wish to speak of that progressive and energetic young man, Mr. B. H. Polk, who is a native born citizen of Prentiss and has lived in that town all of his life. He was educated in the schools of Prentiss and attended Mississippi College. After leaving school Mr. Polk decided that banking would be his work, so became the teller and bookkeeper in the Prentiss Bank. Then he studied out how he could assist in the work of building a bigger and better town and community. He knew that a Chamber of Commerce or Board of Trade was necessary, so assisted in the organization of the Prentiss Board of Trade, of which he became secretary and has worked to make that organization a substantial one. He was also instrumental in the organization of the Prentiss Investment Club, an organization of young men who contribute a small amount each month with the club, which is invested collectively as the club dictates. The work done and being done by Mr. Polk is a monument to his high citizenship and worth to the community in which he lives.

CLYDE SMITH, Prentiss, Miss.---County Agricultural Agent for Jefferson Davis County. In "community building" the county agent takes a leading position, for to him is delegated the work of getting the agriculturists of the community together in co-operation for the building of better conditions in agricultural work. Formulating programs for development in production and marketing. The county agent is educated in scientific farming, and he is like the teacher, educating the people that better conditions may be brought about. A man who has made a success of this work and one who is doing great good for his home community is Mr. Clyde Smith, who has had nearly nine years' experience in this work and seven of these years have been in this county. He is a native Mississippian and is a graduate of the high school of Tylertown, Miss., and Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College. He is a World War veteran, serving as 2d lieutenant of Company H, 1st Regiment. He is a prominent citizen of Prentiss and active in its civic and social life, and is a member of the Masonic bodies.

CLYDE SMITH

DR. H. G. WILLIAMS, Prentiss, Miss.---Physician and Surgeon, Business Man and Prominent Citizen. President of the Prentiss Chamber of Commerce. A leader among the men who are active in the upbuilding of Prentiss and its surrounding community, is the subject of this short editorial mention, Dr. H. G. Williams, who for the past twenty years has been the leading physician and business man of Prentiss. Dr. Williams is a native of Mississippi, and was educated at A. & M. College, and a graduate of Emory University. For twenty-five years he has practiced medicine. He is the owner of the leading drug store of Prentiss and owns and operates a large drygoods business. He is a man of vision and forethought, a believer in his home territory and takes advantage of every opportunity to bring about better conditions for the development of the great natural resources that is possessed in this section of the state, and helps wherever he can to boost the Prentiss trade territory. Dr. Williams was one of the organizers of the Prentiss Board of Trade, and is its president, giving much of his time to this organization that it may function for the good of all the people of Jefferson Davis county. In the life of the town he is a leader of all civic work, and is a member of the Masonic bodies.

CLYDE BLANKINSHIP, Bay Springs, Miss.---Banker, Lumberman, Insurance Underwriter.---In the larger business interests of Bay Springs Mr. Blankinship is a leader. He is the president of the Bay Springs Bank, owner and operator of a large planing mill and conducts the leading insurance agency underwriting all lines of insurance. Born in Jasper county, of which Bay Springs is a county site, he was educated in the schools of the county and is a graduate of A. & M. College and of Mississippi College. Since 1914 he has been active in the business life of the county, and built his planing mill in 1926. He is also president of the Citizens State Bank, of Heidelberg. As one of the builders of the community he materially assisted in the building of the good roads of the county, and assisted in the establishing and installing of the city power plant. In fraternal circles he is a member of the Masonic orders and an Elk. He was active in the organizing of the Bay Springs Community Club and a staunch supporter of the organization.

LEONIDAS L. DENSON, Bay Springs, Miss.---Merchant and Farmer. Mr. Denson is president and manager of the L. L. Denson Company, operating a general merchandising store, the leading store and the oldest in business in Bay Springs. He is also connected with other business enterprises, including a directorship of the Bay Springs Bank. Mr. Denson was born in Ludlow, Scott county, Miss., receiving his education in the schools of that county. He came to Bay Springs in 1892 after graduating form Harpersville College and attending Mississippi College and opened this business, which he has built to a high standard of merchandising. When Mr. Denson first came to Bay Springs there was hardly a town, no railroad and only bad wagon roads. He immediately took an interest in changing things for the better, materially assisting in building the railroad and was its first president. He has filled the office of county superintendent of schools, represented Jasper and Scott counties in the state legislature as a floater representative. He takes an active position in matters calculated for the good of Bay Springs and Jasper county, is a member of the Community Club, the Masons, Elks and Odd Fellows.

J. M. PERRY, Stafford Springs, Miss.---President and Manager of the Famous Stafford Springs, operated by the Stafford Springs Company, Inc. Mr. Perry was born in Lauderdale county and educated in the schools of Hattiesburg, Miss. For fourteen years Mr. Perry has been connected with the Stafford Springs enterprise, and has been instrumental in the development of these Springs. Ten years ago he was made president of the company, the position that he holds today. Stafford Springs is located in the southeast corner of Jasper county, on the main state highway between Laurel and Meridian. Under the able business management and publicity that Mr. Perry has given to "Stafford Springs" he is making it the best known place of this character in the state. If you wish to know more about the curative power of these waters and the excellent accommodations afforded the guest, write Mr. Perry; he will be pleased to give you any information desired. When you go to Stafford Springs you may be assured of the most courteous treatment at the hotel, and a "service" that is only equaled in the large hotels of the country. You will find Mr. Perry a most affable gentleman, and with all this he is one of the most progressive men of that section of the state.

SECURITY STATE BANK, STARKVILLE, MISS.

A Bank with experienced officials, and Modern Equipment invites you to submit the bank your financial problems, and write them for information concerning its business territory.

good wholesale houses, modern electric light and ice plant, water works that furnishes 99 per cent pure artesian water, bakery and ice cream plant, two strong banks with nearly two million dollars on deposit, a newspaper and printing establishment, two large cotton gins, three very fine drug stores and ice cream parlors, one sawmill, bottling works, dairies, one of the smallest towns with second-class postoffice in the United States, modern hospital, two good cafes, modern garages and filling stations, two railroads with eight mail and passenger trains daily, two fine, modern depots. One of the best and most modern high schools in the state with 15 teachers, several churches, a nice bath house with swimming facilities for those that enjoy swimming. Good general insurance agencies, automobile agencies, two blacksmith shops, shoe shop, the traffic department of the F. C. & G. railroad, and one picture show.

THERE ARE STILL LONGLEAF YELLOW PINE TREES

Tylertown is not a backwood place; we have a beautiful and thriving little city in one of the best diversified farming sections of the state, and there is not a nicer place to live and prosper. We are located about 100 miles south of Jackson, the capital of the state; about 100 miles north of historical old New Orleans, the most interesting city in America; also about 75 miles north of the Coast, among tall pines and flowers in the Ozone Belt, one of the healthiest sections of the United States. We have a delightful breeze from the Gulf during the summer while the northern states are sweltering, and if you want to start in business, a general farm, stock farm, dairy, truck or poultry farm, if you want to take a vacation and go hunting, fishing or swimming come to Tylertown. Social and educational advantages are very attractive here and this is a fine place to rear children. Look around and you will find that in the northern states the crest of development has been reached while it has just started here and the possibilities are practically unlimited in all lines of human endeavor.

Tylertown welcomes you and will help you.

Pike County

IDEALLY situated about midway between the Mississippi river on the west and the Pearl river on the east, and adjoining the Louisiana state line on the south is Pike county, with an area of four hundred and thirty-two square miles.

Approximately one-third of the land is under cultivation. Most of the county, more than half its area, is vacant land in various stages, ranging from bare stumps to full-sized hardwood trees, and half-grown yellow pine. There are still left a few large cotton plantations, but a large percentage of the farms are of moderate size, owned by white people and worked by the owners and their families.

North and south through the county runs the main line of the Illinois Central railroad. McComb, the largest city in this section, is the headquarters of the Louisiana Division of this great railroad system, and in Pike county there are seven villages on the line of the road where passengers and freight are received and shipped. From the northward to the south they are: Johnstons, Summit, McComb, Fernwood, Magnolia, Chatawa and Osyka.

From Fernwood eastward is the Fernwood, Columbia and Gulf railroad, on which stations are located every few miles. This road furnishes an outlet for products to tidewater at Gulfport.

Cotton is the staple crop raised in Pike county, but there is a great tendency among the farmers to diversify in their crops.

Six years ago the McComb Chamber of Commerce established the McComb Truck Growers' Association and employed a competent organizer to go among the farmers and secure members who would agree to plant a certain stipulated acreage of early garden truck, such as turnips, carrots, cabbage, eggplant, tomatoes, potatoes, lettuce, onions, beets, string beans, peas and kindred lines of vegetables. Lincoln and Copiah counties, adjoining counties to the north, had operated through such organizations for a number of years and operated very successfully. It was considered that Pike county, with its natural advantages, would at least equal their records.

The results far surpassed the expectations of the most sanguine. Shipments of turnips and carrots begin as early as in February, and are the very finest that go to the northern markets. Shipping and packing facilities were immediately installed at the various stations, cars loaded, the refrigerator cars iced at the McComb icing plant, and in from twenty-six to thirty hours the fresh vegetables arrive at the Chicago and other markets. Pike county products always being among the first on the market and getting fancy prices. These early shipments of early vegetables bring many thousands of dollars into the county each year that would not come here otherwise.

As an illustration of the success of the organization we wish to speak of the individual success of a farmer who had spent his life on a rented farm. He bought a small farm on credit in the summer of 1922, he had no means and his credit was limited. He planted as much garden truck as he and his family could care for. At the close of the first season, in June, when his check reached him for his share of the last shipments through the association, he found that he had made enough money in the single year to not only pay his store debts for his living and that of his family, but enough to also entirely pay for his land. And such was the case in many other instances. Another farmer planted forty acres of cabbages, for which he received $6,600. This was on land exactly similar, and adjoining land that today can be bought for from $15 to $30 per acre.

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RAY E. BAIRD

RAY E. BAIRD, McComb, Miss.---Division Manager of the Mississippi Central Power Company, Associate Company of the Mississippi Power and Light Company, with headquarters at McComb. The properties under his management are South of Jackson. Mr. Baird is an engineer of ability and well fitted to fill the position he holds. He was born at Van Horn, Iowa, receiving his education in the schools of Vinton, Iowa, and in the engineering department of the Des Moines, (Iowa) University. He has followed his profession and has held the following responsible positions: General Superintendent of the Empire Electric Power and Supply Company, of Carthage, Missouri, from 1906 to 1911; Local Manager, Empire District Electric Company, Carthage, Missouri, 1911 to 1915, also during that time he filled the position as Cashier and Local Manager of the Carthage Gas Company for three years. Power Engineer (during the war) of the Charles T. Orr interests, Mining Operator, Joplin, Missouri; also acted as mine Superintendent of one of these properties, combined with that of Power Engineer. He then was transferred at the end of 1919 to the position of Vice-President and General Manager of the LeFlore County Gas and Electric Company, at Poteau, Okla., a position that he held from 1919 to 1921, and that of General Superintendent from 1921 to 1922, then was Division Manager from 1922 to 1923 of the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, Poteau, Okla., then accepted the position as Division Manager of the Oklahoma Light and Power Company at Pauls Valley, Okla., operated by the O. G. & E. Co. In November 1923 he came to Mississippi, and was made manager of the Jackson interest of the Mississippi Power and Light Company, and over a year ago accepted his present position, one that he is well able to hold by practical experience and education. Mr. Baird is a great believer in the future growth of Mississippi, and is a gentleman of the highest type of citizenship, with many friends wherever he is known.

RAY P. McCULLOUGH, McComb, Miss.---President and manager of the McComb Coffee Company, a man who has attained a high position in the business and civic life of his home city and county. Mr. McCullough was born in Pike county and has lived there practically all his life, receiving his education in the common schools of the county and at Mississippi College, at Clinton. Four years ago he promoted this company, which under his able management has grown until today it covers a large part of Mississippi in its scope of work, that of giving to the public a brand of coffee that has found a permanent position among those who desire a coffee that is blended just right to get the taste desired. Mr. McCullough is past-president of the local Chamber of Commerce. He has served the city as a member of the city council, serving on the finance and school committees. He is a member of the Masons, K. of P., and of the United Commercial Travelers; also vice-president of McComb Building and Loan Association. (He was with the L. Z. Dickey Grocery Company for five years and seven years was with the I. C. Railroad.) Although his life has been a busy one taking care of his large interests yet he finds time to give considerable attention to affairs that are calculated to advance the interests of McComb and its surrounding territory, firmly believing in its future.

RAY P. M'CULLOUGH

ALBERT M. MULLINS, McComb, Miss.---Senior member of the firm of Mullins-Reeves Furniture Company, and a man who has been in active mercantile business in McComb for the past 15 years, five years with the present business. Mr. Mullins was born in Wilkinson county, Miss., but spent his youth in Copiah county, where he received his education in the common schools, but has resided here for the past 26 years. In the life of the city he has always taken a prominent part and was for four years a member of the city council from 1917 to 1920. He built the only brick store in East McComb in 1913. Built the Mullins building at the corner of State and Front streets and still owns the stores and other property in East McComb as well as in McComb. In all progressive activities Mr. Mullins has given his work and financial aid and sponsored all causes that have been for their advancement. In the social and fraternal life he is a member of the W. O. W., the Kiwanis Club and a steward in the Methodist church. Mr. Mullins is spoken of by his friends as a man of the highest type of progressive citizenship.

WILLIAM T. DENMAN, McComb, Miss.---President of the Denman-Alford Company, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Ready-to-Wear Clothing and a man of affairs in his home city. Mr. Denman is a native of Lincoln county, but has lived in McComb for the past thirty-six years, twenty-seven of which have been in the mercantile business. His education was attained in the schools of Lincoln county before coming to McComb. In the life of the city Mr. Denman has been one of its most active citizens, has served in the city council for two terms and was its mayor for one term during 1919 and 1920. It was during his administration that the paving program was started and much credit is due him for the work he has done in the making of McComb one of the best paved cities in the state, the viaduct over the railroad tracks being one of the greater improvements. He is now serving as secretary and as a member of the Masonic orders; Past Potentate Wahaba Temple and Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows and the K. of P. There is no project that does not interest Mr. Denman if it is for the benefit and upbuilding of his home city and community.

EDWARD W. WALLER, McComb, Miss.---Vice-President and General Manager of the Gulf-McComb Motor Company, Inc., operating the largest establishment of this character in South Mississippi, handling the Ford and Lincoln cars and the Fordson tractor, a full line of parts and accessories and tires for all makes of cars. Mr. Waller was born in Clair county, Mich., receiving his education in the common and high schools of that county and at the Ferris Institute, of Big Rapids, Mich. Two years ago he located at McComb, considering it one of the best cities in the state and an ideal place to live and do business. He at the same time became a member of this company and assumed his present position. Mr. Waller never misses an opportunity to express his opinion of the possibilities that present themselves to all the people. He is popular in the social life of the community, a member of the Kiwanis Club, a member of and a director in the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the advertising and entertainment committee, and an active member of the local American Legion.

During the last few years strawberries have been added to the general production for early shipment, and today there are many strawberries grown here that are wonderful in size and flavor, and in the number of berries that individual plants produce. The local markets are well supplied and the people of the city and community can and preserve large quantities.

Poultry is fast becoming one of the largest enterprises of the county. This desirable state of affairs has been brought about through the activities of the Pike County Poultry Association, a strong organization which has grown from a small beginning within a very few years, to a large and prosperous organization. The breeding of purebred fowls has gone rapidly forward, and the annual poultry show fostered by the association has become famous throughout Mississippi and adjacent states.

SCENES LIKE THIS ARE COMMON

Poultry raising, either on a large or small scale, offers infinite opportunities to make money. There are few times during the year when hens will not find their food in the fields. Some special feeding, of course, becomes necessary when egg production wants to be pushed. A large hatchery has been installed at Fernwood where a large poultry farm is operated successfully.

Considerable effort has been made in recent years to improve the dairy stock, so that there are now a large number of cattle with a high strain of Jersey. There are also a few herds of Holsteins, either purebred or high-grade.

Cattle do not have to be kept in at any season of the year; there are not more than thirty days in a year when a cow has to be fed; all needed beyond that she can get in the pasture. There is room in Pike county for great development in this direction. At the present time, in addition to supplying milk to the residents of the cities and villages in the county, there is not a sufficiency to supply the amount that the McComb creamery requires.

Every section of Pike county is reached over good hard gravel roads. There are two stretches of vitrified brick roads, one section seven miles long, leading from Magnolia to McComb, which was constructed in 1922, and a three-mile stretch from Summit to McComb.

There are a trifle over two hundred miles of good roads in Pike county. These roads are on the State Highway map of through routes. Twenty-five miles of this, including the ten miles of brick, cross the county from north to south, forming a section of the Memphis to New Orleans highway. The other fifteen miles lead from this road to the county line.

Many people throughout the northern states wish to go South for the winter, to escape the rigorous climate of the northern latitude. The wonderful winter climate of this section has brought a considerable number of people to this section to spend the winter. When they have spent one winter here, they invariably return the following year and usually bring friends with them. Some of these have purchased small parcels of land and constructed winter homes, as being more satisfactory and economical than paying rent.

With a tract of say, ten acres, one would be practically independent. One-half that amount of land left to grow, will furnish fuel continuously for a family. The other half cleared and planted, will not only produce enough vegetables for the requirements of a large family, but enough surplus can be shipped to the early northern markets to more than pay for the entire expense of the family during their winter in the sunny South.

McCOMB—Is located on the main line of the Illinois Central railroad, 105 miles north of New Orleans. It is the headquarters of the Louisiana Division of that great railroad system and its varied activities furnished the largest single item in McComb's industrial make-up. Approximately eleven hundred men are employed in the great repair shops and in the yards; and the trainmen on the trains operating both northward and southward, mostly have their homes here. The railroad payroll, disbursed here in semi-monthly installments, amounts to between three and a half million and four million dollars a year.

Another large industry is the cotton mill of the National Textile Company, a twenty-six million dollar corporation, which has several mills in different localities. At this mill is woven the basic cotton fabric which, at mills in Ohio and New York, are coated with rubber and leather fiber and finished into the imitation leather with which automobile upholstery and tops are made. Another industry of importance in the textile line is that under the management of Mr. N. L. Landau, manufacturing draperies.

The largest industry of McComb is the extensive ice factory, creamery, ice cream and butter factory, electric light and power plant, and icing plant for refrigerator cars, and lumber yards and mills owned and operated by Mr. X. A. Kramer. The ice factory has a manufacturing capacity sufficient to fill the demand for ice from this entire section of the country, and a storage capacity of approximately fifteen thousand tons of ice. The facilities for putting ice in refrigerator cars for the refrigeration of fruits, vegetables, and other products on their way to the north, permit fifty-two cars to be supplied at one time. The cars carrying strawberries from the Hammond, La., district, are iced here. There is but one other icing plant of this kind in the United States, of equal size, and none larger.

The creamery pays good prices for milk and cream, and it is obliged to go outside to purchase enough for its

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MAJOR ARCHIE F. M'CORMICK

IODINE PRODUCTS COMPANY---A product worthy of mention in this work, a product made by Mississippians and which goes out into the world labeled "Made in Mississippi" is "ZI-O-DINE," a Tooth Paste, that has found a particular place in over thirty countries in all parts of the world. We were in the office of this company some time ago when we were shown large orders from far off India. For the past five years we have watched this business interest in its growth, for as it grew it carried the fair name of Mississippi farther afield, for in that time the great growth of the business has been made. The formula for the Zi-o-dine Dental Cream was perfected by Dr. Sidney E. Wilson, one of the leading practicing dentists of the state, and gets its name from the fact that iodine is one of the active ingredients of the finished product. The business is housed in its own building and the rooms occupied are immaculate in their sanitary furnishings and has a capacity of putting up around ten thousand tubes of tooth paste each working day. Zi-o-dine is made in Laurel, Miss., and made by native Mississippians.

DR. SIDNEY E. WILSON

MAJOR ARCHIE F. McCORMICK, Laurel, Miss.---General Manager of the Iodine Products Company, and a popular citizen of Laurel.---It is a pleasure to write of men who have achieved in their special work, and it affords us great pleasure in writing of that able business man and esteemed citizen, Major Archie F. McCormick, whom we are proud to call our friend. Major McCormick, or "Archie," as his many friends call him, was born in Jasper county, Miss., and has lived in that county and the adjoining county of Jones a large part of his life. In 1917 Mr. McCormick formed a partnership with Dr. Sidney E. Wilson for the manufacture of a dental cream; who had perfected a formula for this product that made it superior to any on the market. When the United States entered the "World War" the company suspended operations and Mr. McCormick enlisted and was soon at the front and doing active service. He was in France for two years, rising to the rank of Major. Returning from overseas the company at once opened operations and Major McCormick started an active campaign for the sale of the products put up by the company. That he has succeeded is fully demonstrated from the fact that Zi-o-dine is used in many countries of the world and this has been accomplished in less than seven years.

DR. SIDNEY E. WILSON, Laurel, Miss.---Laurel's leading Dentist and one of the most popular professional men of the city. ---Doctor Wilson is a native of Pike county, receiving his early education in the schools of that county, afterwards graduating from Tulane University with his D. D. S. degree. He has practised his profession for the past 16 years, all of which have been in Laurel. In January, 1917, he formed a partnership with Major Archie F. McCormick for the manufacture of a dental cream, from the formula that he had perfected, and which has proven to be one of the best creams for the teeth that is sold in the markets of the world, for there are few countries that do not know and use the products of the Iodine Products Company, known by the name of "Zi-o-dine." Dr. Wilson is learned in his profession and is a gentleman with whom it is a pleasure to meet. Like his partner, when the United States entered the World War, Dr. Wilson closed his office and answered the call of his country and enlisted, serving in this country and abroad for nearly two years, seeing considerable active service. At the close of the war he returned to Laurel and again opened his office for the practice of his profession. Dr. Wilson has rather an inventive turn of mind and has perfected an electric refrigeration unit, for the purpose of home refrigeration. This machine will be manufactured in Laurel and soon placed on the market.

HOLT E. J. ROSS, Laurel, Miss.---Attorney at Law and President of the State Federation of Labor.---Prominent among those young men of Mississippi who have attained a high place in the life of the state is the subject of this editorial mention, Mr. Holt E. J. Ross, one of Laurel's leading attorneys. Mr. Ross is a native of Laurel and has lived there all of his life, attending the schools of the city and after graduating in the Laurel High School he attended and graduated from Cumberland University, of Lebanon, Tenn., receiving his degree in law, after which he returned to his native home and commenced the practice of his profession. He was in service during the World War and is a member of the American Legion; he is also past commander of the Masonic lodge and a member of the Woodmen of the World. For a long time he has been active in labor union circles and has been the president of the Mississippi State Federation of Labor for several years. He is a member of the board of directors of the Mississippi State Board of Development and was a member of the committee of twelve to study the conditions in the state. In the professional and civic life of Laurel he has many loyal personal friends as well as throughout the state.

FRED WEISS, Laurel, Miss.---Manager of the Laurel Nursery Company and Expert in Landscaping.---There is a cause why Laurel is called the prettiest small city in the state, because the larger part of the landscaping has been done by the most expert man in this profession in this part of the country, Mr. Fred Weiss. Mr. Weiss was born in Germany and attended the public schools of that country, coming to the United States some seventeen years ago and locating at Laurel, and he must be given credit for assisting in making Laurel "The City Beautiful." Some of his work is the landscaping of the grounds of the Mattie Hesse Hospital, at Meridian; the city hall and the cemetery at Laurel, as well as many of the beautiful homes of the city. He has also done work in different parts of this section of the state. His whole life has been spent in this work, but ten years ago he established the Laurel Nurseries in connection which gives him an advantage of growing his own shrubbery and flowers. Mr. Weiss is a member of the Southern Nurserymen's Association and the Southern Florist Association. In his nursery he has twelve acres where he specializes in ornamental shrubs and flowers.

L. W. RUFFIN, Ellisville, Miss.---Leading business man and citizen.---In all leading communities there is generally a group of men who take the initiative in all movements that will assist in its progress. In Ellisville there is a group of such men, a leader of which is Mr. L. W. Ruffin, one of the city's leaders. Mr. Ruffin was born in Jasper county and attended the high school of Lake Como of that county, after which he attended Massey's Business College of Montgomery, Ala. After finishing his business course he came to Ellisville and has been one of the leaders in the promotion of progressive work, has served the city for twelve years as a member of the city council and as mayor for three terms, during which time many improvements were made in sidewalks, streets and sewerage. He was one of the organizers of the Jones County Farm Loan Associations located at Union and Sweetwater communities, serving these associations as secretary and treasurer for more than three years. He materially assisted in having the Home of the Feeble-minded School and Colony located at Ellisville, and of the building of the Jones County Agricultural High School in Ellisville. It was during his administration as mayor that the city hall was purchased and a home for the prisoners built, the Ellisville Cemetery Association organized, many permanent sidewalks laid, and a general sewerage system established. In fraternal and club circles Mr. Ruffin is a member of the Masonic order, W. O. W., Columbia Woodsmen, K. of P., Junior Order of American Mechanics, and a Rotarian.

DR. ROLAND H. CRANFORD, Laurel, Miss.---Chief Surgeon and Owner of the Laurel Clinic and General Hospital.---Probably there is no institution in a community that is of as great necessity as the hospital, for the sick look to this institution as a haven where they can receive the attention that is necessary in their illness. Laurel and its people may well be thankful that there is an institution in the city that covers this great necessity in the clinic and general hospital operated under the personal supervision of its owner, Dr. Roland H. Cranford, one of the leading physicians and surgeons of the state. For twelve years Dr. Cranford has operated this institution and catered to the wants of the sick. He is a native of Mississippi, receiving his education in the schools of the state and at Millsaps College, graduating from the medical department of the University of Tennessee, and has practiced his profession for twenty years. For some time he was the superintendent and chief surgeon of the South Mississippi State Charity Hospital, located at Laurel. In the social and civic life of Laurel, Dr. Cranford takes a prominent part; he is a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the W. O. W. and Odd Fellows and is active in the Laurel Country Club.

CLINTON L. COLLINS, Ellisville, Miss.---Manager of the Ellisville Motor Company, the local Ford Sales and Service Agency, handling Ford and Lincoln cars and Fordson tractors, the leading Garage in the city.---Mr. Collins was born in Jones county and has spent the whole of his life assisting in the boosting and upbuilding of the community. Five years ago he organized this company and has been the manager since its inception. His education was attained at the Jones County Agricultural High School and in the school of practical experience. At the time when he started this business he built his own building and has been adding to it ever since until today it is one of the leading establishments of the city. This has been accomplished by hard work on the part of Mr. Collins and the able assistance of his co-workers. Mr. Collins is an able business man, a man of the character that can and does make friends of his customers, always believing in a square deal in all business transactions.

regular needs. With its present facilities it could use double the amount now available.

Mr. Kramer also owns and operates the McCollgan Hotel, one of the best hotels in the state and one where the traveling man likes to spend Sunday when he cannot get home.

A hardwood flooring factory in McComb employs a considerable force, and consumes the product of the lands from which the pine timber has long been removed. Among the live opportunities of McComb, for the consumption of local material, is that of the establishment of a factory for making small hardwood articles.

GATHERING FEED FOR WINTER

At Fernwood, three miles south of McComb, is the great sawmill of the Fernwood Lumber Company, one of the largest mills in the state.

The city is beautifully laid out. The main avenues are so directed as to be nearly level, while the cross streets practically monopolize the ups and down grades. The drainage is excellent.

The business section of McComb is mostly built of brick. There are eighteen blocks of brick pavement in the business center. The avenues and streets in the residence sections are generally graveled.

McComb has two banks, both sound financial institutions, with deposits aggregating approximately a million and a half of dollars, and three building and loan associations. It has two large wholesale groceries, which supply the country merchants for a radius of fifty miles; a wholesale drygoods establishment with an even wider range of activity, and a wholesale fruit and candy business with a wide clientele, and is the home of the McComb Coffee Company, importers and roasters of high-grade coffees. There are several large automobile agencies, some of them selling two or three makes of cars. Large department stores, furniture stores, drug stores and the usual complement of other specialized stores and shops found in a city of fourteen or fifteen thousand people are here.

There is no more progressive city in the United States in its school system. In the southwest Mississippi section there are sixteen school systems with high schools at their heads. Graduates from these high schools may automatically enter the state colleges or the University. The schools are thoroughly organized under the direction of a more than ordinarily capable superintendent, and a board of education composed of leading business men of the city. In addition to the public schools St. Alphonsus Academy, a Catholic institution, graduates annually a high class of pupils.

McComb has four Baptist churches, three Methodist, one Catholic, one Episcopal, one Presbyterian, one Church of Christ, and one Nazarene. All are well attended.

The McComb waterworks, which supplies the city both for domestic and fire extinguishing purposes, are owned by the municipality. The water is derived from deep wells. The water is absolutely pure, and of sufficient quantity to supply all demands for several years to come. The fire department is equipped with the most modern apparatus and is a partially paid department.

At the head of the organizations working for the betterment of the city and surrounding community is the Chamber of Commerce, composed of the leading business men of the city. The members have a luncheon every Monday; the Kiwanis Club have their luncheon each Tuesday, and the Exchange Club meets for theirs on Wednesday. There is also the Business and Professional Woman's Club, and a large number of the fraternal orders have their regular meetings.

McComb officially is governed by a mayor and board of aldermen. This governing body appoint the members of the board of education, of the fire department and police department, and act as a board of equalization in fixing the assessment on property.

All told, McComb is a most desirable place to live. It has its picture shows and musical centers and many other amusements. It is the city of comfort; the home of content; and one of the most prosperous cities in Mississippi.

Through its subsidiary company the Mississippi Central Power Company, the Mississippi Power and Light Company, over a year ago purchased the interests of the McComb-Magnolia Electric Light Company and now have McComb and the other towns in Pike county connected up with the lines of the Mississippi Power & Light Company from their large generating plants in Louisiana and Arkansas, placing the company in a position to supply cheap and dependable power for these municipalities. The manager of the McComb section is Ray E. Baird, a skilled engineer and a gentleman that all of the people like for his courteous treatment of all he comes in contact with in either a business or social way. At the present time the high tension lines carry 60,000 horsepower and have a voltage of 110,000. The Mississippi Power & Light Company at all times lives up to its slogan, "Helping Build Mississippi."

SUMMIT—Is but a short distance north of McComb and is connected with that city by a brick paved road. It is a hustling town and is the marketing center for a rich and well developed surrounding territory.

MAGNOLIA—Is the capital of Pike county and is one of the oldest towns in that part of the state. The streets are well paved and the business houses are of the highest character in their business interests.

OSYKA—Is another town of importance in the county and is situated in the extreme southern part of the county close to the Louisiana state line. It has a fine citizenship. There is one bank and several large mercantile houses.

Both Magnolia and Osyka are served with the same power system of the Mississippi Power & Light Company that are McComb and Summit and the rest of the towns in the county.

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CLIFF WILLIAMS

CLIFF WILLIAMS, Meridian, Miss.---Retired Business Man. Everybody in Mississippi knows Cliff Williams for the great work that he has done in the progress and advancement of the state. We had the pleasure of meeting him some eight years ago for the first time when we were interested with the Mississippi Highway Improvment Association, and found in him one hundred per cent co-operation for "good roads" is one of Mr. Williams' "hobbies" and he has done great work along these lines. But he does not stop there; he is active in all movements that will assist in the upbuilding of his home state. In the business world Mr. Williams has been a successful manufacturer and still holds interests in the enterprise he established several years ago, the Cliff Williams Machine Company, producing sawmill machinery. Mr. Williams is a native of Mississippi, born in Okolona, but had lived in Meridian the larger part of his life, where he holds a high position among his fellow citizens. It is a true saying that in most communities there are outstanding men who can be designated as "builders" of their home town and its surrounding community. In some cities there is at least one man who is "four square" in his high citizenship, and Mr. Williams can in all truth be designated as such from what he has accomplished in his life's work. At a recent meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Mr. Williams was elected president of that organization, a position that he is well qualified to fill.

ALBERT SNEAD BOZEMAN, Meridian, Miss.---Attorney at Law.---Senior member of the law firm of Bozeman & Cameron, composed of A. S. Bozeman, Ben F. Cameron and A. S. Bozeman, Jr. Mr. Bozeman is a Virginian by birth, born in Richmond, the capital of the state, but has spent most of his life in Mississippi. In 1879 he came to Meridian where he has resided ever since. He is a graduate of Mississippi College, at Clinton, Miss., and the George Washington University Law School, of Washington, D. C., receiving his A. B. degree from the former and his LL. B. degree from the latter. In 1888 he commenced practice of his profession in Meridian, where he has attained a high position at the bar of the city, county and state. He has been the attorney for the city of Meridian as well as Lauderdale county. The greater part of his practice is railroad and corporation law, being attorney for the Southern Railway System, the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad Co., the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co., and other corporations. In the social, professional and civic life of the city he holds a prominent position, is a member of the Masons, Knights of Pythias, Woodmen of the World, past president of the Meridian Rotary Club, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, being a former director thereof, member of the American Bar Association, Mississippi Bar Association and the Lauderdale County Bar Association. Mr. Bozeman has at all times been actively connected with movements for civic improvements, giving his time to assist in the city's progress.

ALBERT SNEAD BOZEMAN

JAMES H. SKEWES

JAMES H. SKEWES, Meridian, Miss.---Editor and Publisher. President of the Meridian Star, of Meridian, Miss.; Laurel Daily Leader, Laurel, Miss.; and the Perry Daily Journal, Perry, Okla.; Editor of the Meridian Star. Mr. Skewes was born in Cornwall, England, February 2, 1888, receiving his education in high schools and university. He has spent his lifetime in the newspaper business, a calling for which he is well fitted by experience and education. For six years he has been a citizen of Meridian, publishing and editing the Meridian Star, and during that time he has closely identified himself with the life of the city and its surrounding community. His whole thought is to make his paper a power in the newspaper world and at the same time help, through its columns, to advance the interests of his home city and the state of Mississippi and in this he is being successful, for the "Star" is considered one of the very best papers in the state and in this section of the South. At home Mr. Skewes is prominent, being a member of the Elks, Scottish and York Rite Masons, and a Shriner. He belongs to the O. O. K. K., Rotary Club, Meridian Country Club, Hillcrest Club, Northwood Country Club and several other organizations of a similar nature. He is a director of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association, the Lamar Hotel Company, M. & F. Bank, of Meridian, Meridian Building and Loan Association, Boy Scouts, Y. M. C. A., Chamber of Commerce, Mississippi State Development Board, past president and director of the Mississippi Press Association, and senior warden of St. Paul's Episcopal church, of Meridian.

DR. JAMES D. TUCKER, Meridian, Miss.---Cancer Specialist, Owner, Manager and Operator of Tucker's Sanatorium. This is the day of the specialist institution where what was once considered incurable diseases, are treated and permanent cures are made. In the treatment of cancer Dr. Tucker has few equals, which the records in his office show where from eighty to ninety per cent of the patients that came to his sanatorium have gone home permanently cured. Dr. Tucker is a native of Louisiana, receiving his education in the Centenary College, of Jackson, La., later attending Millsaps College, of Jackson, Miss. but gained his practical and professional education under the tutoring of his father. He has been the head of this institution for the past fifteen years, but the father operated it for twenty-five years. The large practice has been built up on honor and the records of the sanatorium are open at any time to any one who wishes to see them, and a guarantee that from eighty to ninety per cent are cured. The records show that from 12,000 to 15,000 were treated at this sanatorium during the past fifteen years, and they also show that the larger percentage recovered. Dr. Tucker says that about sixty per cent of his patients are those that have been treated by radium, knife, X-ray and plaster. His treatment is a liquid compound. In professional and civic life of Meridian, Dr. Tucker is well known and highly esteemed. He is a member of the Methodist church, the Masonic order, Junior Order of American Mechanics, and the Odd Fellows. Dr. Tucker invites you to send for free booklet.

DR. JAMES D. TUCKER

TELL FARMER

TELL FARMER, Meridian, Miss.---Printer and Publisher, Operating a Modernly Equipped Printing Plant for Doing All Kinds of Printing.---In these days of higher class business methods the successful business man, company or corporation believe that their printed matter should be of the best known to the art, thus there are many large and well equipped printing establishments. In Meridian a plant of this character is operated by Mr. Tell Farmer, a man of the highest character and citizenship, a man of ability and one who well understands the art superlative of all arts. His plant is well fitted with the best of printing machinery and the latest and most popular and approved faces of display type, which enables Mr. Farmer to do his work right and deliver it at the right time. Mr. Farmer was born in Harpersville, Scott county, Miss., where he attended the public schools, but his real education was gained in the printing office, for he learned that trade and has worked at it for the past twenty-nine years and gives each and every department of his plant his individual supervision. In the fraternal circles of Meridian's life he is a member of the Masons, Shriners, Elks, K. of P., Maccabees, W. O. W., and several other of minor importance. In the business life of the city Mr. Farmer holds a high position and has many friends who esteem him for his worth as a citizen.

Amite County

AMITE County was organized February 24th, 1809, while Mississippi was still a territory. The county has a land surface of 704 square miles, thirty miles east and west, and twenty-four miles north and south. At this time it was considered the frontier days, and the only business was transacted at Natchez and Fort Adams. Both towns are ports on the Mississippi river. Its name is derived from the Amite river, whose two branches drain its soil, the name "Amite" having been given to the river by the French in commemoration of their friendly treatment by the Indians. Since the origin of Amite county it has existed through the days of slavery while in its glory; then the destruction of the Civil War, after which it readjusted itself.

A VIEW ONE CAN APPRECIATE

The first Confederate monument ever erected to the memory of the Confederate soldiers was begun 1867, and was completed and dedicated in 1872 at Liberty.

The climate of Amite county measures up to the wishes or statement we so often hear, "the ideal climate." The winters are short with few killing frosts and little ice. The summers are long, beginning with April and lasting until the middle of October. The average temperature for the summer is about 90 degrees, and we have to use blankets nearly every night during the summer. This desirable temperature is due to the breeze we have all the summer long. The high point in altitude is Gloster, situated approximately 460 feet above the sea level, on the dividing ridge running from the Mississippi river across the United States into Nova Scotia, and you can safely say we do not have a foot of swamp land in our county. The approximate rainfall for the year is around 50 to 60 inches, well distributed throughout the year, thereby guaranteeing splendid crops and a bountiful supply of grasses, which are abundant each year. The soil of the county varies in texture and fertility. The textures are composed of gravel, sandy gravel, to a black sandy loam with clay foundation. In the northwest part of the county it is very hilly, and has gravel and sandy gravel, which is very extensive. All the soils of the county respond very readily to the use of the three commercial plant foods, namely: phosphorus, potassium and nitrogen, and also lime. The soil is very favorably adapted for leguminous crops, such as lespedeza, soy beans, velvet beans, cowpeas, vetch, crimson clover, etc.

Corn and cotton are the two leading crops of the county, but do not bring in half of the income, and today the diversified farming and dairying have made wonderful progress. In the past six years better cattle have been brought into the county, the farmers have been taught the advantage of breeding up their herds, and have put the dairy farming on a scientific basis. In connection with the dairying we have beef cattle herds, with poultry and hog raising being very profitable.

Beans, sweet and Irish potatoes are very desirable crops for this county. The past year farmers who planted these crops for the market were very well satisfied with the returns, and expect to continue to increase their crops along these lines from year to year. Fruit and vegetables of all kinds do well in the county, and there are a great many young orchards in the county at the present time which are very encouraging at this time; pecans and other fruits, which are being cared for under the direction of the State Extension Department, as the farmers realize that the scientific method will have to be employed to protect the fruit trees from the insects and diseases that destroyed the orchards throughout the country a few years past.

There are two prosperous banks in the county, one located at Liberty and the other at Gloster, able to handle the business of the county with large deposits.

For the past thirty years the timber business has been worth one's consideration in this county. At the present time we have two large saw mills, one the Gloster Lumber Company, located at Gloster, and the other the Foster Creek Lumber & Manufacturing Co., located at Stephenson, both of which are on the Y. & M. V. Railroad. These two companies have enjoyed a very profitable business during the operation. The cross ties made in this county have been very profitable to those who had not had the experience or capital to invest in sawmilling. The timber industry will bring considerable business into the county in the future as it has in the past, because the question of reforestation is being considered by all the business men, the state legislature and the national government. The greatest problem with reforestation is keeping the fire out of the timber. Nature is so generous that she will reseed the forest if man will give her a chance.

The Y. & M. V. Railroad runs along its extreme western border. Gloster, the largest town, is located on this road, consisting of about fifteen hundred population. Liberty, the county seat, is located fourteen miles east of Gloster, being connected with Gloster by the Prentiss highway; this highway connects Woodville and Natchez on the west. There are many other graveled roads leading back into the rural districts, and all the roads are graded, and the problem of transportation has made a wonderful progress in the past ten years.

The one-room, one-teacher school is no longer fuctioning; it has served its purpose, and the accredited consolidated schools have stepped in and taken its place. The children are transported from their homes to the schools by trucks. There are many high schools in the county, one of which is an agricultural school located at Liberty. There is a church in reach of everyone that wishes to take a part in religious service. The membership is very loyal and support the churches of the county.

Amite county is at the beginning of a new day of progress and prosperity. Real estate can be bought at a bargain, which makes it very desirable for capital to be invested in property in the county; and at the same time the investor can expect a very large increase in value on the property in the next few years. This rapid increase in value of property will be brought about by better yields on the land, which will be due to the scientific methods of farming; which will consist of better fertilizer, seeds, dairy and beef cattle, good roads, co-operative marketing associations, and consolidated schools. Another is due to the progress we are making with immigration coming in and bringing new ideas, and the home people visiting other sections of the state and other states and bringing new ideas back to operate at home. This is due to the modern means of transportation, and well established highways we have at the present time.

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S. B. MARTIN

S. B. MARTIN, Hattiesburg, Miss.---Properietor of and operating the Martin Printing Company's plant, one of the very best equipped printing plants in the state Mr. Martin is a native of Georgia, born in Augusta, in that state, where he received his early education. For thirty years he has been in the printing business, twenty-five years of which has been in Hattiesburg, where from a comparatively small beginning he has built up a large and successful business, and equipped his plant with the best in the printing art. Mr. Martin does a general printing business, there being no job too large or too small to receive his individual and careful attention. Let's take a little walk through this modern plant. First is the office and fancy stock room, over which Mrs. Martin presides, a most estimable lady and business woman. From here you go to the press room, which is supplied with the latest models of machinery and presses operated by skilled workmen in this special department. On the second floor is the composing room and bindery, where can be found the latest and most popular faces of type used in the printing trades and the bindery, handling any forms of special ruling, blank book making, catalogues, etc. Mr. Martin is proud and justly so of his achievement in the building up of this large and successful business. He is also one of the good citizens of Hattiesburg who believes in his home city and state.

S. E. L. WEATHERFORD, Petal, Miss.---Superintendent of the Leaf River Consolidated Vocational High School, one of the best schools in South Mississippi. The school has a $100,000.00 plant and is fitted with the best of educational facilities and appliances. There are 19 teachers in the several departments and six hundred students in attendance. There are twenty acres of land comprising the campus and farm. And they maintain a constructive program of campus beautification. Hi-Y, Girls' Reserves and 4-H Clubs are maintained, and physical education and gymnasium work is a feature of the school. Mr. Weatherford, the efficient superintendent, during the three years that he has had the management of this school has made many improvements for higher education. It is now a vocational accredited four year high school. He is a native Mississippian, receiving his education in the schools of the state, State Teachers' College, and at the University of Mississippi and the Southern College of Y. M. C. A. For fifteen years he has been in educational work and loves the profession for the good that he can do in the building up of the manhood and womanhood of the state. In social and fraternal life he is prominent and is a member of the Masons, W. O. W., K. of P. and Knights Templars.

S. E. L. WEATHERFORD

DR. JAMES A. DORSETT

DR. JAMES A. DORSETT, Lucedale, Miss.---Physician and Surgeon, also operating the Lucedale Drug Store Company Inc. In all communities there are men who are outstanding in what they have done towards its progress and advancement. In Lucedale one of the most prominent is Dr. James A. Dorsett, a progressive citizen and esteemed gentleman. Dr. Dorsett is a native of Scott County, Miss., and his early education was gained in the Harpersville School, and Emory University of Atlanta, Ga., graduating from the medical department of the University. For eight years he was health officer of George county, was Mayor of Lucedale for two terms and Alderman for four terms. He is one of the directors of the Bank of Lucedale, and one of the first trustees of the South Mississippi Charity Hospital, at Laurel, and is a member of the Masonic Lodge and the K. of P. Besides the practice of his profession, Dr. Dorsett owns three large farms, a considerable of which is set out to pecan and satsuma orchards, and each year he is adding to and enlarging the acreage of this class of fruit. He has been of great service in the upbuilding of Lucedale and George county during the twenty-five years he has resided in the community. Dr. Dorsett is a true sportsman and loves and enjoys his hunting and fishing trips. Dr. Dorsett and his brother J. C. Dorsett are owners of the Lucedale Hotel, managed by Mrs. Bryant.

EUGENE ELMORE BOLEN, Lucedale, Miss.---Horticulturist, operating the Bolen Nursery and Orchard Company, and has a large nursery under his management. For forty years Mr. Bolen has followed this business and knows the business in all of its branches, having a common school and practical education. He was born in Huntsville, Ala., coming to Lucedale and establishing this nursery in 1910, which he has built up from a very small beginning to one of the largest nurseries in the state. At present there is twenty-five acres of nursery stock, specializing in pecans. He also has some very fine and choice varieties of flowering plants and ornamental shrubery. Grows annually about ten thousand Camelia Japonicas. His pecans took the blue ribbon at the State Fair in Jackson in 1926. Mr. Bolen is adding to his nursery all the time, making his nursery still better and bigger. Probably Mr. Bolen is one of the best known horticulturists in this section and takes great pride in what he is doing towards the upbuilding of his home community. When you visit Lucedale you have not seen the city without visiting his nursery which is one of the show places where you ought to go.

EUGENE ELMORE BOLEN

DR. R. FORD RATLIFF, Lucedale, Miss.---Physician and Surgeon. Operating a modernly equipped pharmacy. Dr. Ratliff was born at China Grove, Walthal county, Miss., where he received his education in the common schools and at Tylertown Normal Institute, graduating from the Medical Department of Tulane University in New Orleans in 1901. In the same year he selected Lucedale as his future home and opened his office for the practice of his profession and in partnership with his brother the late Dr. W. D. Ratliff, he established his drug store with a well equipped prescription department operated by skilled pharmacists. Two years ago he built a handsome new building which houses his drug store and in which is located his offices for his medical practice. Dr. Ratliff has been and is one of the leading progressive citizens of Lucedale, at all times assisting in those projects calculated to develop the great natural resources of the city and county. He holds large interests and is director and vice-president of the Bank of Lucedale. In fraternal circles he is a Knights Templar, Mason and Shriner, and takes an active interest as all good citizens should, in the social life of the city.

Wilkinson County

WILKINSON county is only employing one-fifth of the 427,747 acres of land in the county, and yet the towns and communities in the county are prosperous and progressive. What the county will be when a larger percentage of the land is put to use for dairying, poultrying, and other farm industries which are especially adaptable, is hardly to be guessed.

Trucking is another field of endeavor now claiming the interest of the progressive farmer of later years and has resulted in bringing new wealth to the community. An acre of land in and around Woodville will produce from $200 to $400 worth of tomatoes. Carrots can be grown economically and at a profit. It is a matter of universal knowledge at Woodville that a man can raise truck enough on ten acres to care for a family, if he will do it right.

SOYBEANS GROW LIKE THIS

WOODVILLE—Citizenship of the finest has long been a boast of Woodville and this boast is recognized by the remainder of the state as being true to facts. Schools where the very best education can be had are found there. The county agricultural high school is located at Woodville and is a valuable asset to the county.

Woodville, capital of Wilkinson county, a beautiful little city of some 1,200 citizens, lies in the center of the last county in the state, geographically speaking, being in the southwest corner. Progressively, historically and as a matter of fact, Woodville and Wilkinson county are in the forefront. Nature spread with a lavish hand in and around Woodville, the facilities and opportunities for a splendid farming community. With splendid soil, smiling pastures for contented herds, and ample supply of the finest water on earth, a climate right for all agricultural pursuits, especially dairying, and all branches of the livestock industry, Woodville will some day become recognized as a place "par excellence" to live in.

The advantages of raising children in a community where good schools, good church organizations and a splendid type of citizenship prevail, belong to the inhabitant of Woodville. Important among the leading institutions of the county and city is the Commercial Bank. The affable and capable cashier, Mr. S. C. Bull, has been working for years on the lines of progressive diversification on the farms. Cattle and poultry are his hobbies and he rides them wherever the opportunity presents itself. Better than that he creates opportunities to tell farmers and business men the advantages of chickens, cows, pepper, and truck as cash crops in Wilkinson county.

Woodville is built with the Courthouse Square as the center of the town; the business houses to a large extent face the courthouse from some direction. The merchandising establishments are sufficient for the needs of the community and some of them would do credit to a much larger city. There are several stores dealing in general merchandise, drug stores, stores dealing in hardware, furniture, in fact the business houses of Woodville cover all marts of trade and supply a large trade territory. There is the wholesale grocery house operated by C. M. Treppendahl, that covers the small towns and communities for miles around.

CENTREVILLE—Is located in the eastern end of the county and is one of the best cities in southwest Mississippi. There are several churches and a consolidated high school. The high school is housed in a comfortable modern brick building and the instructors are noted for their efficiency. An abundance of pure free-stone water is supplied by a modern light and water plant.

Centreville boasts of good banking facilities, two wholesale houses, sixteen stores, three garages, two drug stores, doctors, cotton gin, bottling plant, creamery station, milk cooling plant, ice factory, blacksmith shops, shoe repair shops, barber shops, lumber yards, hotel, boarding houses, restaurants, truck buyers, insurance agents, picture show, and a weekly paper.

The Prentiss highway passes through Main street, a gravel road taps it one mile east and opens up that section for some eight miles, another gravel road taps it within the corporation and extends for six miles southeast, still another gravel road taps it one mile south of the Louisiana state line. These roads, combined, open up a rich undeveloped section of some 200 square miles, that were for several generations cultivated to cotton; the lands are being developed into diversified and dairy farms. While cotton "moved" from the farm, only once a year—the products of a diversified farm must be marketed almost daily.

This section of Mississippi enjoys the finest climate in the world, healthy and invigorating; the soil is generous loamy, underlaid with a very fine quality of clay. These lands produce fine crops of corn, sweet and Irish potatoes, strawberries, tomatoes, peas, oats, sugar cane, sorghum, rice, cucumbers, beans, etc., and until the coming of the boll weevil (a blessing in disguise) cotton was raised and an average of over ten thousand bales was shipped every year.

The mild climate, rich soil and abundant rainfall, are particularly suited to the production of fall and winter truck crops. Centreville is the center of an extensive system of truck farming.

The production of milk and its byproducts is still in its infancy, although this section offers the dairyman many advantages over other sections. Nature affords a splendid climate, native pastures, an abundance of pure water, and plenty of cool shade. The feed for winter can be raised in winter. Results are eloquent testimony to the richness of the soil.

A most attractive phase of farm life in this section of Mississippi is that which can be developed from fruit growing; it is a form of intensive culture, and pays more per acre than the crops of the general farm. Nature does half the work and asks no share of the profits. The conditions of soil and climate are such as to make not only a great industry, but an abiding one. The climate insures not only the life of the tree, but the vigor of the tree and the quality of the fruit. The length of the growing season and general warm summer rains; the abundance of sunshine and sunheat promote size, beauty and quality of fruit. The large areas of loamy soils, rich in plant food, easy to cultivate, into which roots penetrate to an amazing depth—these are the conditions which explain this section's possibilities in fruit growing.

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DR. WM. W. SMITHSON

DR. WILLIAM W. SMITHSON, Jackson, Miss.---Vice-President and active member of the staff of the Jackson Infirmary, and leading physician and surgeon of the state. Dr. Smithson is a native Mississippian and received his education in the common schools of the state and at Mississippi Agricultural & Mechanical College, and is a graduate of the University of Tennessee (formerly Memphis Medical College), Medical Department, and has practiced his profession for twenty-eight years, twenty-two years of which he has resided in Jackson, during which time he has been active in his work. For one year, 1912, he was the secretary of State Board of Health, and was the superintendent of the State Insane Hospital from 1912 to 1916. For several years he has been actively connected with the Jackson Infirmary and it has been through his efforts, to a large extent, that this institution has attained its high position among the establishments of this character in the state and much farther afield into other states. In the civic, social and fraternal life of Jackson and Mississippi Dr. Smithson holds high positions. In fraternal orders he is a member of the Masons and a Shriner, a member of the W. O. W. and K. of P. He is also active in the local Kiwanis Club. Is a member of the State and County Medical Associations and the American Medical Association. He is surgeon for the I. C. Railroad and district surgeon for the I. C. Railroad and the Y. & M. V. Railroad, and is an active member of the Methodist church, and a man of the highest citizenship, who believes in his home community and state.

MUMFORD ELLIS MOFFITT, Jackson, Miss.---Mr. Moffitt is the head of the department of Educational Research in the State Department of Education, and a man well fitted for this particular position, as he has been in education work for the past twenty-two years. He received his education in the common and high schools of the state, at Mississippi Heights Academy, of Blue Mountain, an undergradute school; University of Chicago and the University of Mississippi, receiving his B. S. degree from the latter in 1917 and M. A. degree in 1918. He also did fifteen months graduate work in George Peabody College, at Nashville, Tenn. His present position is Director of Information and Statistics with the State Department of Education and his activities are in the field of Educational Research, one of the most important departments of the educational work of the state. In the fraternal life of the state he is a Scottish Rite Mason; and the Phi Delta Kappa is his professional fraternity organization. He is also a life member of the National Education Association. As a good Mississippian, and believing that education is the true foundation for the future progress of the state he is striving to do his part in that great work, and what he has accomplished demonstrates his worth as one of the state's educators.

MUMFORD ELLIS MOFFITT

HUGH ALEXANDER WILEY

HUGH ALEXANDER WILEY, Jackson, Miss.---Operating Automobile Electrical Service Stations at Jackson, Miss.; Greenville, Miss., and Decatur, Ala.---It is a pleasure to write of the successful business man and this is essentially true of the subject of this sketch, Mr. Hugh Alexander Wiley, one of Mississippi's progressive business men and citizens. Mr. Wiley is a native son, born in Lexington, Miss., where he received his education. Eight years ago he went into the electrical service business and was the first man to establish an exclusive electric service station in Mississippi. In this business he has been successful and today controls the three plants spoken of above. Each of these plants is fitted with the last word in automobile electric service machinery and appliances, operated by skilled workmen, who are at all times directly under the supervision of Mr. Wiley. Mr. Wiley is a World War veteran, serving overseas for thirteen months with the 2nd division, 17th field artillery, battery D. This entire company was decorated for meritorious service when it was mustered out. After the war he returned to his native state for he believes in Mississippi and that a great future awaits it. He is public spirited and active in all movements that will advance the state in its march onward and upward to the goal that awaits it. "Hugh," as his friends call him, is an affable gentleman and has legions of friends wherever he is known.

BEN S. LOWRY, Jackson, Miss.---Insurance Commissioner for Mississippi, and highly esteemed public official.---Probably there is no better liked man in the state, and one who has more friends, than Hon. Ben S. Lowry, who took over the office of Insurance Commissioner at the beginning of this year, having been elected to the office at the last election. He is a native Mississippian and received his education in the common schools of Covington county and at Mississippi College. For fourteen years he has resided in Jackson. Was secretary of the Lamar Life Insurance Company for a time, deputy state treasurer for three years, after which he was elected state treasurer for four years up to the time he was elected and took over his present office, one that he is well qualified to administer. Mr. Lowry, or "Ben," as his many friends call him, is a man of the highest integrity, a good Mississippian who believes in his state and its future holding a high place among the states of the Union. In the life of the official family of the state he has made an enviable reputation, and at the same time made legions of friends throughout the state. In fraternal circles he is a Mason and a mmber of the W. O. W.

MARION A. PILGRIM, Jackson, Miss.---Attorney at Law, with offices in the Daniel building.---Mr. Pilgrim was born in Philadelphia, Miss., where he attended the schools, later graduating from Millsaps College, receiving the degree of LL. B. Since 1913 he has lived in Jackson and practiced his profession for twelve years, during which time he has gained a high position in the legal fraternity of the city, county and state, handling many large cases in the different courts. Mr. Pilgrim served three years in the army, during the Mexican trouble and the World War, and was overseas for thirteen months in active service. In the professional, social and civic life of Jackson Mr. Pilgrim holds a prominent position; he is a member of the Woodmen of the World, and particularly active in the deliberations of the American Legion, of which he is a leading member. As a native Mississippian he believes in the future development of the state, and where he can gives his assistance towards its progress and welfare. He is an able lawyer and courteous gentleman, one who makes friends and keeps them.

E. L. RAGLAND, JR., Jackson, Miss.---State Manager for Mississippi for the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Philadelphia, underwriting a general line of life insurance. Mr. Ragland has lived in Jackson nearly all of his life and has become closely identified with the life of the city. He was educated in the schools of the city and at Mississippi A. & M. College. His birthplace was in Brookhaven, Lincoln county, but he came to Jackson when very young. For seventeen years he has been in the life insurance business and up to a year ago he worked with his father, who was the state manager of this company for upward of thirty years and was instrumental in the bringing of the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company into the state. He held the position as state manager up to two years ago when he retired and his son, the present manager, was appointed by the company to take his place. Mr. E. L. Ragland, Jr., is a hustling business man and thoroughly understands this business in which he has spent the most of his life. He is one of the good boosters for the state and as he takes his trips to all parts of the commonwealth never passes up an opportunity to say a good word.

There are several hundred acres planted to paper-shell pecans, many of them already bearing. Several acres planted to the Satsuma orange are bearing fruit.

Hay is a staple crop, and the mildness of our winters reduces to a minimum the expense of winter feed for cattle. All kinds of livestock—horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry do well. Dairying is a profitable industry; a creamery, also a milk-cooling plant facilitates the handling of this perishable commodity.

The enormous crops resulting from intensive cultivation of small tracts of land is wonderful. That, in combination with the further fact that we generally market our stuff about ten days before the main tomato section on the I. C. R. R., accounts for our success.

The average rainfall is 55.81 inches a year, and the average temperature is 67.1 degrees.

Pure sparkling freestone water is only 50 to 90 feet below the surface; many gushing springs abound; the land is gently rolling, just enough to be well drained, and we are on the apex of the watershed of four streams—no swamps—no extremes of temperature, no sultry nights and a blanket is often very comfortable toward daybreak of a summer day.

Conditions are very favorable to making an easy living—two crops—spring and fall, can be, and are grown on the same land every year; while the home garden always has something in it, all the year round. Flowers grow in abundance.

Mr. Boll Weevil forced the abandonment of planting cotton—thousands of acres lay idle—timid experiments were made with "truck"—success attended the efforts of the pioneers—$300 to $500 an acre was realized on land that was bought for less than $25 an acre—the big land owners sold small tracts and the trucking industry was born.

Red pepper for the manufacture of Capsicum is extensively raised; and a large plant for its drying and grinding is located here.

Amongst all the large number engaged in truck raising, there is brightness and good cheer; the slump, due to the boll weevil, has disappeared—diversified farming, an intensive culture of fewer acres, has solved the problem.

A healthy climate, fine freestone water in abundance, rain enough every year to make a crop, main line transportation to all markets, good churches, good schools, good graveled roads, good, big, broadminded business houses and a friendly community—what more can you ask?

We cordially invite you to make your home among us—settle under the most favorable circumstances and in one of the best agricultural sections of the United States.

Adams County and Natchez

THE eyes of the whole country today are turned toward the South. This favored section of the United States is just now coming into its own. Its ideal climate, its fertile land, its long crop seasons, its healthfulness, its natural beauty, its abundant stores of raw material—all combine to attract the homeseeker and the manufacturer.

Interest in the "New South" is centering down the fertile valley of the Mississippi. Cities and towns located on the "Father of Waters"—the nation's greatest artery of commerce—are destined to become the "centers of trade" of tomorrow. A city of such splendid location is Natchez, Mississippi.

The location of the city of Natchez on bluffs which stand two hundred feet above the Mississippi river, is one of grandeur and beauty. The elevation gives a wonderful view up and down that mighty stream and across the low lands of Louisiana. The hinterland is made up of rolling hill and dale, and the sunken roads through these hills afford endless variety of beautiful landscape views in this "Land of Perfect Spring." In the suburbs and in the country further out there yet remain many of the antebellum homes which make this section attractive to all who love the beautiful in architecture.

The name of the city is taken from the original inhabitants of the country, the Natchez Indians. This was a nation of sun worshipers, a strong, courageous, intelligent people with an abiding love of freedom and showing in many ways an advancement beyond other American Indians.

Natchez is the third oldest city in the South and the oldest in the Mississippi valley, having a history extending over more than two hundred years.

A LARGE PECAN ORCHARD

The French were the first white race to settle here. In 1662 LaSalle, with the Chevalier De Tonti, visited the Natchez Indians. In 1700 the explorers, Iberville and Bienville, came prospecting for a place for a permanent settlement, and selected this as the site. In 1716 Bienville built a fort upon the high bluff overlooking the Mississippi river, which he named Rosalie, for the Duchess of Pontchartrain; and that was the beginning of the city of Natchez.

The French remained until 1763, when by treaty with Great Britain, the territory came under the rule of that country, and the name of the fort was changed to Panmure. In 1779 the British surrendered the country to Spain, under whose dominion it remained until 1797, when the latter country ceded it to the United States. So that during its history Natchez has known the flags of four great nations.

The first capital of the Mississippi Territory was here, and for a long time the history of the southwest centered in and around this city.

Natchez recently inaugurated a $500,000 street paving program. Congress passed a bill authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi at this point, which is to carry both rail and vehicular traffic. This construction will add greatly to the prosperity and growth of the city. Engineers are now at work laying a pipe line for natural gas to be brought from the extensive gas fields of Louisiana, which will cross the river at this point, and the use of this cheap and effective fuel will lower the living costs while stimulating manufacture. A new seven-story hotel has been constructed.

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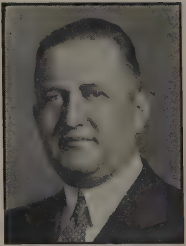
EDMOND M. FOSTER

EDMOND M. FOSTER, Greenville, Miss.---Electrical and Hydraulic Engineer, Superintendent of the Water Department of the City of Greenville. Mr. Foster was born in Oconee county, South Carolina; educated there. For twenty-six years he has been a resident of Greenville and for seven years he has been the superintendent of the water works of the city, a position that he is well able to fill, and which is recognized by the people of that city. The writer has known Mr. Foster for several years and knows him to be the most progressive man in that part of the state. He has made many improvements in the water supply of the city and in its distribution since he took over the work, and Greenville has one of the best water works in the Delta. As a worker for the advancement of the community Mr. Foster is well known; he is a man of progressive mind and has the ability to put his ideas into practice. In the social life of the city he has many loyal personal friends, as he has wherever he is known. In fraternal circles he is a member of the Woodmen of the World. Was elected vice-president of the Southeastern Water & Light Association when it was organized in 1923 and has continued since in same position.

J. G. CHASTAIN, JR., Leland, Miss.---Superintendent of the Leland Separate District Consolidated School. This school has one hundred and tweny-six square miles in district and is accredited in all Southern Association of Colleges. The average enrollment is over six hundred students. The buildings and campus are well laid out and supplied with modern apparatus and facilities for conducting each department and there are ample teachers for the different grades. Prof. Chastain is an able educator with that practical knowledge that comes with experience, as he has been in school work for the last fifteen years. He was born in Old Mexico, receiving his college education in Mississippi College, of which institution he is a graduate. For six years he has been at the head of this school, and being an efficient organizer and a good executive he has made many excellent improvements in the work of the school. The people of Leland have come to know his worth both as an educator and citizen, for he takes an active part in the doings along progressive movements of the city and its surrounding territory, ever willing to help when called upon to do so. He is a prominent member of the local Rotary Club, taking a personal interest in its work. He is also a member of the Masonic lodge.



J. G. CHASTAIN, JR.

ROYALL C. FRAZIER

ROYALL C. FRAZIER, Leland, Miss.---President and Manager of the Leland Publishing Company, and Editor of the Leland Enterprise, a leading weekly paper of that section of the state, covering its trade territory in its entirety. Mr. Frazier is a native of Virginia, and was educated in Georgia and at Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Ga. His education was of a character to fit him for the position he now holds. He is a young man and has been in the publishing business for four years, two of which have been in Leland as the editor and manager of this paper. He has succeeded in making a high-class newspaper out of the paper that has been run for several years; he has done this because he is practical in newspaper operation and gives every part of the plant his personal supervision. The Enterprise is a well printed paper and ably edited, for Mr. Frazier is a writer who gives force to what he says. In the social, civic and fraternal life of Leland, Mr. Frazier is a member of the Elks and active in the Rotary organization. He is progressive in thought and consequently uses his personal efforts as well as the power of his paper to assist in the advancement and development of his home community.‘

ERNEST W. SMITH, Greenville, Miss.---Editor and Publisher of the Greenville "Democrat-Times." Succeeding his father, the late Hon. Pink Smith, who edited and published the paper for several years. The writer well remembers the first time that we visited Greenville, nearly ten years ago, when we first met Mr. Pink Smith, and of the cordial assistance we received in the work that we were doing. For these things we hold the greatest reverence for him as a gentleman, a citizen and a "man" of the highest character. Mr. Ernest Smith was born in Ripley, Miss., receiving his education in the schools of that town. At an early age he learned the printer's trade and was for a time connected with the "Southern Sentinel" of that place. Twenty-six years ago he came to Greenville, and continued his newspaper work with his father. Today the "Democrat-Times" holds a high position in the newspaper field of Mississippi and as Mr. Smith is an able writer, a strong business man, one who understands his business, the paper is bound to grow as the territory which it serves continues to advance. In the life of Greenville Mr. Smith holds a prominent position and he is active in matters that are for the advancement of his home city. He is a Mason, K. of P. and is the president of the local Kiwanis Club and associated with several other social and civic organizations.

ORA L. SIMMONS, Greenville, Miss.---County Agent for Washington County.---There is no man or body of men who do more for the advancement and development of the state than the county agent, for that is his job, "to build" and help to build up the most essential industries, that of farming, dairying, fruit growing, trucking and all kindred lines that come under the head of agriculture and husbandry. Standing at the top among men of this character is Mr. Ora L. Simmons, who has been in this work for several years and as his ideas are practical and he has the ability to put them in force he has been most successful in his work. Mr. Simmons is a native of Pike county, born on the farm near Osyka, and graduated from Mississippi A. & M. College. For seven years he has been in county agent work and was for four years located in Rankin county, and one year in Jasper county, then coming to Greenville, where he has promoted many good and wholesome programs that have been of great assistance to the farmers and planters of that section. Mr. Simmons is a member of the Masonic order and is active in the congregation of the Baptist church.

The soil of Adams county, of which Natchez is the seat, is composed of a variety of deposits, as shown by the U. S. Soil Survey of the county, the principal one being the Memphis silt loam, and the loess from which this is derived is from 10 to 60 feet deep. All of the soil is strong and fertile and will yield any of the following crops in quantities indicated: 800 four-basket crates of tomatoes, 300 bushels of sweet potatoes, 10 tons of cabbage, 400 hampers of carrots, 2 tons of lespedeza hay, 3 tons of red clover hay, 4 tons of soybean hay, 4 tons of cowpea hay, 50 bushels of oats and 3½ tons of oat straw, and alfalfa will give 4 to 6 cuttings per acre, per annum.

This land also produces abundantly cotton, corn, wheat, tobacco, okra, onions, lettuce, spinach, turnips, beets, Irish potatoes, sunflowers, any kind of late or early vegetables and any kind of berries, fruits, or grapes, except such as require extremes of heat or cold. For the last three years this section of Mississippi put the first carload of tomatoes in market. The largest pecan orchard in the world is in Adams county, and the total pecan crop in this section amounts to over $500,000, with steady increase each year in the acreage planted in those trees. These lands are admirably adapted to cattle raising and pasturing, and this industry is now being carried on with success and on an ever increasing scale. The cattle range out during the winter and gain in weight without feeding.

Natchez has always been a center for trade and its merchants, wholesale and retail, sell over an extended territory in Mississippi and Louisiana. A cake factory located there ships its celebrated "Ole Missus" fruit cake to far-away China, and a coffee company sells its equally celebrated "Al Cafe" coffee in all parts of the United States.

Come to Natchez, the historical, the city progressive, the Utopia for the homeseeker.

Franklin County

THERE are no large towns in Franklin county; Meadville, the county seat, is the largest. Here is located the courthouse and Franklin county agricultural high school, one of the best-conducted educational institutions in the state. During the past few years many farmers have stopped putting all of their efforts into raising cotton, yet cotton is the leading crop, but there are many farmers that are now raising fruit and truck crops, diversifying in their production.

The fertile, sandy, loam soil is most productive, yielding some of the finest tomatoes, carrots, peas, beans and kindred lines in south Mississippi. In her broad acres blooms profusely the glory of Mississippi, "King Cotton," but as we said above it is not the only crop raised. In some sections there are to be found farmers who with far-sighted vision are growing their own grain and feedstuff, for the cattle and other stock. Dairying has commenced to get a foothold in the county and this is bound to be one of the big assets of the county.

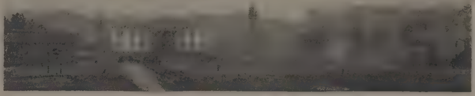
MEADVILLE—The county capital is a happily situated town. It is located on the line of the Mississippi Central railroad, and good gravel roads lead out in all directions, thus the town has good transportation facilities.

Not far away is the time when the people of Meadville and the surrounding neighborhoods will awake to the magnificent opportunity which stands knocking at their door for admission—the canning and pickling factories to take care of the surplus tomatoes, cabbage and other truck crops. At present the people of the villages and communities in the county buy these canned from other states, when they really should be shipping out canned products from their own truck farms. They are also buying feedstuffs, grain, hay and cottonseed meal and hulls—from Jackson and other points. But soon the industrious, ambitious, thrifty, and progressive people of this section will awake to the splendid opportunities right in their own communities.

Added to the fertile productiveness of the soil is the excellent opportunity for poultry raising and dairying. There is plenty of space for big chicken runs and grazing land for herds of cattle.

Taken altogether it would be a difficult undertaking to find a more fertile land for farming in all of its branches, from the small garden patches to the immense tracts that could be put under cultivation for marketing purposes, or better pasturage for stock than can be found in the Meadville trade territory.

There is a bank with ample resources to take care of the financial end, the stores are modern in their appointments and stock carried, the streets are kept clean and sanitary. There is a newspaper that is ably edited. The agricultural high school is a high-class educational institution and is used for community gatherings. Professor Thompson, the able superintendent of the school, is a man well fitted for the work that he is doing.


FRANKLIN AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

In fact Meadville and its trade territory in Franklin county is the nucleus about which will some day in the near future be one of the most progressive in the state. The people are commencing to recognize the opportunities afforded them and they are of a disposition to take advantage of the advantages that the community is giving them.

Lincoln County

LINCOLN county is the banner dairying and trucking county of south Mississippi, although there is a large amount of cotton grown; the shipments through the marketing centers being over a million and a half dollars in value annually.

The school system of the county is about the best in the state. Practically all of the schools are of the consolidated class and are Smith-Hughes schools. At several of these schools are located co-operative chicken hatcheries where somewhere around a hundred thousand baby chicks are hatched out each year and sold. This has become one of the leading industries of Lincoln county.

Dairying is done on a larger scale than anywhere else in south Mississippi and there are two large creameries, manufacturing ice cream, butter, and several other milk products. The Becker Creameries are paying to the farmers of that section over a half million dollars annually. These creameries are located at Brookhaven.

Trucking is another industry in the county, this business covering a large portion of the developed part of the five hundred and seventy-eight square miles that compose Lincoln county. The largest marketing place is Brookhaven, where shipping sheds are convenient to the railroad. Yet there is considerable shipping done at other points along the lines of the Illinois Central and the Mississippi Central railroads. The soil in the county is particularly fitted for the raising of all kinds of truck and

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PROF. J. C. HERBERT

PROF. J. C. HERBERT, M. Sc., Mississippi A. & M. College, Miss.---Vice-President and Professor of Political Science of Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College. Prof. Herbert is a native son of Mississippi, born in Holmes county, where he received his early education in the common schools, and later graduating from A. & M. College, receiving his M. Sc. degree, and has been connected with that institution of education since 1889 and has held the position of Professor of Political Science since 1903. A position by education and character he is well able to fill. He became vice-president of the college when Hon. B. M. Walker was advanced to the presidency some two years ago. In this position he is a faithful worker for the college, assisting in all movements that will advance this great institution of education, and no man is better qualified for the position. As Professor of Political Science, it has been his life's work and study; that he understands this great work is, and has been, fully demonstrated by what has been accomplished in this particular work. In the fraternal, social and civic life of the college and its community Prof. Herbert is a member of the Masons and of the Lions Club. He faithfully believes in a great future for his native state, in the upbuilding of which he is taking his part in its onward march to greatness.

T. B. FATHERREE, Mississippi A. & M. College.---General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College. Mr. Fatherree is a native Mississippian and attended the common schools of the state. From 1915 to 1916 he was a student at the Jones County Agricultural High School, and from 1916 to 1918 he attended the Clark County Agricultural High School and from there went to Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College, graduating from that institution with the class of 1923. After graduating he took up his present work, in which he has been most successful, and has succeeded in making the Young Men's Christian Association at A. & M. College one of the very best in the state. In social, civic and fraternal life he is a prominent personage and is a member of Pachuta Lodge 551, F. & A. M., Elizabeth Chapter 73, O. E. S., and is past patron of that order. He belongs to the Pi Gamma Mu fraternal college order, and is a member of the Starkville Rotary Club and the American Legion. During 1927 he was the president of the Rotary Club, vice-commander Oktibbeha Post, American Legion. In the latter he takes an active position and has many friends in that organization. Mr. Fatherree served in the naval reserve corps during the World War.

T. B. FATHERREE

BEN HILBUN

BEN HILBUN, Mississippi A. & M. College.---Publicity Manager of the College, and Past Commander of the Mississippi Department of the American Legion. Mr. Hilbun was born in Jones county, Mississippi, and attended the common schools of the county and graduated from the Jones County Agricultural High School. He then attended and graduated from Mississippi A. & M. College and attended the University of Toulouse, France. When the United States came into the World War, Mr. Hilbun was one of the first to go to the front and served for one year in France in active service. He is one of the most active leaders in the American Legion and served that organization as state commander during the year 1927, and was in the front ranks of those who did great work during the Mississippi river flood last year, going out into the field and gave his time in assisting in a most material way wherever his assistance was needed. He was instrumental in financing rehabilitation work and in the distributing of supplies. After graduating from A. & M. College, Mr. Hilbun was in Chamber of Commerce work as the secretary of the Starkville Chamber of Commerce for two years, during which time the Borden Condensing Plant was established there and in this constructive work for his home town he took an active part. The writer has known Mr. Hilbun for several years and admires his worth as one of the good citizens and builders of the state; in all walks of life he has many warm personal friends, made through his courtesy to all and his high sense of honor.

R. HULON REDUS, Starkville, Miss.---President Oktibbeha County Chamber of Commerce, and Senior Member of the Firm of Hartness & Redus, operating a modern drug store.---Mr. Redus was born in Oktibbeha county and has spent his life in Mississippi, receiving his education in the schools of West Point and at the Atlanta Southern College of Pharmacy. For tweny-five years he has been in the drug business and was located for a time at West Point where he took an active part in development work of that section and was manager of the West Point Chamber of Commerce. Five years ago he came to Starkville and has become closely identified with all progressive movements that are calculated to advance the interests of the city and community. He has been active in the Oktibbeha County Chamber of Commerce and is now president of that organization. From the beginning he has worked for development of the dairying interests and was one of the active men in securing the Borden Milk Condensing plant to locate in Starkville, especially was he active in publicity, for he is an able writer along these lines. In the social life of the city he is prominent and is a member of the local Masonic Lodge and an active member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Redus is naturally of a social disposition and a courteous gentleman, having many personal friends in all walks of the home life of his community.

R. HULON REDUS

GUY NASON, Starkville, Miss.---Secretary of the Mississippi Hardware and Implement Association and the Louisiana Hardware and Implement Association and one of the leading builders of his home community. Mr. Guy Nason was born in Starkville, Miss., and educated in the common schools of the city and at West Point, afterwards attending Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College. For the past four years he has been the secretary of these organizations, during which time he has built them up organizations to the highest standing among organizations of the character in the South, building them up until there is three times the membership there was when he accepted the office and managment. For a time before he commenced this work he was in mercantile business in Starkville. During the World War Mr. Nason was a captain of field artillery and is now an active member of the American Legion and past commander of the local organization. In the social, fraternal and civic life of Starkville and its surrounding community he is a prominent person, taking part in all matters that have a tendency to build and develop the resources of that part of the state. He is a member of the Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce and has served as a director of that body. He belongs to the Mississippi Press Association and the Mississippi Travelers and active in Red Cross work, being one of the life saver examiners of that organization. For a time he was the secretary of the Columbus Chamber of Commrce, and he has had considerable experience in newspaper work in different capacities and is now the advertising manager of the Starkville News.

the people of that section are taking advantage of the opportunity that nature has given them. In Brookhaven there is a cannery, operated by the Brookhaven Products Company, that takes care of the surplus truck and pay the best market price for it.

There are many reasons why the people of Lincoln county are prosperous for they have a good community, rich soils and a good market for the products that they produce.

BROOKHAVEN—The county seat of Lincoln county is a city of about six thousand; it is located at the junction of the lines of the Mississippi Central and the Illinois Central railroads, the two roads operating from a union depot. Thus it has the best of transportation facilities. There are several manufacturing interests that give the city a good, substantial payroll, among which are cotton gins, planing mills, foundry, veneer plant, box factory, lumber yards, bottling works, cold storage plant, mattress factory, well-bucket factory, oil, feed and fertilizer mill, ice plant, creameries, ice cream factories, canning factory, and several smaller interests that make a special line in their industrial work.

The school system of the city is of the best, schools where over fifty teachers are employed and an enrollment of students of nearly fifteen hundred. These schools are housed in handsome buildings that are supplied with the best of school apparatus and facilities.

Brookhaven is also the home of Whitworth College, an exclusive college for women. There are two hotels, the leader being the "Inez." Two newspapers, both having a wide circulation. The mercantile houses are conducted along metropolitan lines and are high-class in their special line of trade. The streets are well paved and the city is supplied with plenty of light and power.

Lincoln county is bounded on the north by Copiah county, on the east by Lawrence county, on the south by Pike and Amite counties, and on the west by Franklin and Jefferson counties, and is the hub of a rich territory. Considerable development work has taken place in the county, but it is a small percentage compared with what could be done.

Lawrence County

LAWRENCE county has an area of four hundred and eighteen square miles and is bounded on the north by Copiah and Simpson counties, on the east by Jefferson Davis county, on the south by Walthall and Marion counties and on the west by Lincoln, thus it is located in one of the best parts of the state. There are two railroads the main line of which passes through the county—the New Orleans Great Northern operating from New Orleans to Jackson; the Mississippi Central running from Natchez to Hattiesburg. There are several small towns and communities in the county, the leaders being Monticello and Silver Creek, the former being the county seat. During the past few years there has been considerable development work done, the county taking on new life in raising other things besides cotton, although that is the largest crop. Agriculture and horticulture development work is being done, the county having a county agent that is materially assisting in this advancement. There is hardly an acre of land in Lawrence county that cannot be made to produce in agriculture, horticulture or reforestation.

THEY RAISE GOOD CORN IN LAWRENCE COUNTY

MONTICELLO—The county seat is a thriving small city of upwards of a thousand population. The courthouse is a very handsome building and well-fitted in its several departments. The stores are representative in their business activities and the people are progressive and of the highest type of citizenry. There is a weekly newspaper, one of the best in south Mississippi, edited and published by that sterling gentleman, Mr. Joseph Dale, one of the oldest editors in active and continuous service in the state.

There is no reason why Monticello should not grow to be a large city; it has

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HON. HOMER H. CASTEEL

HON. HOMER H. CASTEEL, Canton, Miss.---Farmer and Plantation Manager.---Homer H. Casteel was born in Walnut Grove, Leake county, Mississippi, receiving his education in the common schools of the county and the normal school located at Walnut Grove. All of his life he has been engaged in farming and managing plantations and for twenty-seven years lived in Holmes county, residing at Pickens; while living there he represented that district in the state senate at the sessions of 1912, 1914, 1916 and 1918, eight years. He was elected lieutenant governor of Mississippi in the election of 1919 and served in that office from 1920 to 1924. At the election of 1927 he was again elected to the state senate from Madison county, having moved to that county some two years ago. At the convening of the state legislature of 1928, he was elected president pro tem of the senate and floor leader of the administration faction of that body. Mr. Casteel is a man progressive in thought and a man of ability and power to put into practice his ideas of development work. At present he is operating a plantation of four hundred acres four miles north of Canton in Madison county. In the social life of his home community he takes a prominent position as well as in the business life, and is a member of the Masonic bodies and of the K. of P. and is a gentleman of the highest type of citizenship and a hard worker for the upbuilding of Mississippi.

H. O. JONES, Starkville, Miss.---Secretary of the Oktibbeha County Chamber of Commerce.---In the building up of a community there is no organization that can take the place of the Chamber of Commerce; it is a necessity for prosperity and development, the only requirement being that a secretary who knows his business be at the helm, steering its work into the right channels; a secretary who is a "go-getter." In this Starkville and Oktibbeha county can be congratulated in having such a man in H. O. Jones, who is an able executive and a hard worker to accomplish what he sets out to do, who is numbered among the best Chamber of Commerce secretaries in the state. Mr. Jones is a native Mississippian and received his education in the common schools of the state, and is a graduate of the A. & M. College, taking an agricultural course. He takes a strong personal interest in this work, especially in landscaping. Two and a half years ago he started in Chamber of Commerce work in which he has been most successful; for a year and a half he was located at Durant, in Holmes county, coming to Starkville about a year ago. He has most materially assisted in the organizing of the northeast Mississippi dairy farmers for the purpose of building up the dairy business to a better standard. Mr. Jones is a courteous and obliging gentleman and no one calls at his office who does not get the treatment and information desired.

OSCAR P. BRELAND, Starkville, Miss.---An educator who has had over twenty years' experience in teaching in the schools of Mississippi. Mr. Breland is a native Mississippian, born in Newton county, where he attended the public schools of the county, afterwards attending Mississippi College, at Clinton, Miss., Peabody College, of Nashville, Tenn., and the University of Tennessee, graduating from Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College. He has taught school at Shuqualak, Chunky and Decatur. As he has always taken an active part in the life of the town in which he is working he was the efficient mayor of Decatur for two years. He has also taught school at Meben, after which he was elected county superintendent of schools of Oktibbeha county, finishing his first term in office the first of this year. Since residing in Starkville he has taken a progressive interest in the activities of the community and is a prominent figure in its fraternal, social, educational and civic life. He is a member of the Masonic lodge, an Odd Fellow and K. of P., also a member of the Lions Club of Starkville, and active in the local Chamber of Commerce, giving his assistance where possible in promotion of all development work, especially has he assisted in the building the new city high school and the new school for colored pupils.

J. A. McKEE, Starkville, Miss.---A citizen of the highest character and a faithful worker for the upbuilding of his home community and the development of the natural resources through the building up of interests that are best fitted for such promotion work. Mr. McKee was born in Oktibbeha county on the farm and has lived in Starkville for the past fifteen years. He received his education in the common schools of the county and attended Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College. For twelve years he has held some county office; was deputy chancery clerk for four years and deputy sheriff for one term of four years and was then elected sheriff of the county, his term of office expiring with the beginning of this year, and he is now chairman of the school board. As a member of the local Chamber of Commerce Mr. McKee has taken an active part in the work of that organization. He was one of the hustlers who assisted in the Borden Company locating their milk condensing plant here, the first plant of this character to be located in the South. He has materially assisted in the building of new and better schools for both white and colored children. In fact, Mr. McKee is one of the progressive men of the community who firmly believes in a great future for that section of Mississippi.

G. T. GOLSON, Starkville, Miss.---Editor and Manager of the Starkville News, a newspaper that under the able management of Mr. Golson has attained a high position in Mississippi journalism. Mr. Golson is a native of Alabama, born in Selma where he received his education. For forty-two years he has been in the printing business, commencing when a small boy. Eight years ago he came to Starkville and took charge of the "News" and made of it a paper that is a power for good in its trade territory. A little over a year ago the "News" took over the East Mississippi Times and consolidated it with the "News," giving the paper still more prestige and a bigger field for work. Mr. Golson is one of the most progressive citizens of Starkville and Oktibbeha county and has taken a prominent part in the activities of that section, in the life of which he has been and is a true builder of better conditions. He is an active member of the Masonic bodies, a member of the Odd Fellows, and takes an active position in the deliberations of the local Chamber of Commerce, supporting that organization in its constructive work. He also is a leading member of the Rotary Club and has been its secretary since its organization. Mr. Golson is an able and fluent writer and one of the best newspaper men in the state.

the resources and advantages and we believe that the people of that section are in earnest in taking advantage of the opportunities that are at their door.

SILVER CREEK—Is a thriving town and is located on the line of the Mississippi Central railroad, which gives the town the best of transportation facilities. There is a considerable amount of raising of vegetables and other truck in that section and several farmers are engaged in this work. Cotton is still the leading crop and a big yield to the acre is secured.

Jefferson Davis County

JEFFERSON DAVIS county is one of the youngest and and smallest counties of the Magnolia state. It was created in 1906 and has a total area of four hundred and four square miles. Even though it is small in size and young in years of existence, its name alone signifies that it is not small when it comes to measuring up with the agricultural possibilities of the other counties of the state. It was named for the great man that was recognized as a statesman, politician, a leader in the building of this nation and the best of all a gentleman, Thomas Jefferson Davis.

Jefferson Davis county is located in the heart of the longleaf pine section of south Mississippi, which was, before the present development, the home of the deer, turkey, bear, fox and many other of the wild animals that are almost unknown to some of the younger generation. At this time about the only industry of the inhabitants of this section was that of growing cattle, sheep, and trapping the wild animals for their valuable furs and meats. There were only blazed trails through the woods made for the folks as they went to the distant markets with the cattle and other product, and leading to a neighbor's house that was several miles away.

Today we are living in a new age of development. The timber companies have come in and carried the timber to their mills and worked it into the finest lumber that can be made. Much of this lumber has been bought back by the farmers of the county and built into houses that are beautiful and happy homes for a contented people.

These lands that we might once have called the happy hunting grounds are now highly developed farms, yielding to the owners each year a nice income. The stumps have been removed from most of the fields and eighty-five or ninety per cent of them terraced, controlling the surplus water and each year becoming more productive.

We might be called the King Cotton county of south Mississippi, making each year anywhere from fifteen to nineteen thousand bales, weighing on an average of five hundred pounds each, which bring to the hands of the producers many thousand dollars each fall. It is a very common occurrence for a farmer to make an average of a bale per acre over his entire farm and sometimes getting two bales or one thousand pounds of lint per acre on some of his pet patches. The gross value of many a crop is very often more than the entire purchase value of his farm.

A TYPICAL MISSISSIPPI POULTRY FARM

From the above statements do not conceive the idea that our lands will grow nothing but cotton; they are ideal for general farming, trucking, fruit growing, dairying and poultry raising. A good percentage of these farms have live running water on them year round, being supplied from springs and small streams, making them ideal for stock raising. All of our lowlands are natural growers of carpet grass, lespedeza and the hill lands respond wonderfully to Bermuda grasses. With just a little coaxing we can grow most any of the clovers, both winter and summer. With these grasses and the short mild winters we can graze our cattle almost the entire year. It is not necessary for any farmer to buy any of his stock feeds if he will only half-way try and produce his requirements, for we can make anywhere from fifteen to one hundred and twenty-five bushels per acre, depending on the effort that we put forth. Peas, beans, potatoes, peanuts and all truck crops produce wonderfully, just in the proportion to the treatment that we given them.

Our light sandy lands with clay subsoils, with gently rolling slopes, make it ideal for truck, fruit raising and poultry raising.

PRENTISS—Is the county seat of the county and is a mighty busy town. It has a live Board of Trade with officers that are true workers for the betterment of the trade territory and the whole organization is made up of the leading business men of the city, who don't mind giving their time and labor for those things that are for the good of Prentiss.

There is a strong bank able to take care of the banking business of the trade territory and is a power in the upbuilding and advancement of the whole county as well as Prentiss trade territory.

The story of the schools of the county is well told in an article following this by Prof. G. L. Martin, the efficient county superintendent of education.

Jefferson Davis County Schools

Jefferson Davis county, down in south Mississippi, is proud of its system of schools. Not a pride that smacks of vanity, but simply that large consolidated schools have been wrought out of the energies and hopes of its people so that children living in remote sections may come into touch with splendid equipment, libraries, music, and the personal touch of well-educated, well-trained teachers. Although perhaps the smallest county in the state and one of the poorest in wealth, having scarcely about four million in property valuation and that a constantly decreasing variable by reason of the rapid removal of its timber, it has sought to bring to its children something of the fine values of education. The dominant idea was to group schools so that the country child might have equal opportunities with children living in districts where there were either towns or an aggregation of wealth sufficient to support schools of the better kind.

Five years ago, there were thirty-eight white schools in the county, many of which were the one-teacher variety. Many campaigns in the county, in which members of the State Department of Education took an active part, resulted in creating a sentiment for better schools. Many details, however, over location of houses, designating of routes, etc., had to be patiently and tactfully worked out. Happily, let it be said, that our folks have banded to-

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ALBERT L. MAY

ALBERT L. MAY, Biloxi, Miss.---Superintendent of the Biloxi City Schools.---Education always has been and always will be the "Great Builder" of the world, and it applies to all communities as well. In Biloxi this great work is well taken care of by one of the leading educators in the state, in Prof. Albert L. May, who has had fourteen years' experience in school work, four years of which have been as superintendent of the Biloxi schools, and he has been elected to continue in that work in the city for another year's term. Mr. May is a native Mississippian and received his education in the schools of the state, attended Mississippi College and was graduated from Peabody College; thus he is well fitted for the work that he is doing in which he has been most successful, achieving a high position among the educators of the state and the South for that matter. During his administration in Biloxi the city has made great strides, three new schools having been built and equipped with the best of facilities, and at an expenditure of $210,000. In the social and fraternal life of Biloxi, as well as in the educational life, Mr. May holds a prominent position, being president of Biloxi's Kiwanis Club.

GEORGE W. O'DOM, Gulfport, Miss.---City Commissioner, Superintendent of Public Works, having charge of Streets, Waterworks and Sanitation.---Prominent among those citizens of Gulfport who have grown up with the city and assisted in the building of the Gulfport of today is George W. O'Dom, progressive citizen and City Commissioner. Mr. O'Dom was born in Alabama, receiving his early education in the schools of that state. Thirty-two years ago he came to Gulfport, and assisted in the clearing of the right-of-way for the G. and S. I. railroad, when Gulfport was in the early days of the making of a city. In 1907 he was elected a member of the city council, before the commission form of government came into effect, and has served the city faithfully and well since that time, excepting in 1915 and 1916. The great improvements to streets and waterworks have been done under his supervision, and today Gulfport is one of the best paved cities in the country. Probably there is not a better known man in the city than Mr. O'Dom. He believes in a great future for the Coast and is in a position to advance its growth and the development of its great advantages and resources. In the fraternal life of the city he is a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the local lodge of Odd Fellows and the K. of P.

GEORGE W. O'DOM

P. N. HOWELL

P. N. HOWELL, Howison, Miss.---Agent and Forester for L. N. Dantzler Lumber Company and Southern Paper Company; Farmer, Merchant and Real Estate Dealer.---48 years old. Married. wife and four children. Mr. Howell has resided in Mississippi for about 30 years; lived previously in Alabama and North Carolina. For the past 25 years has lived at Howison, holding his present position the greater part of that time. Previous to his present connection was secretary of the Landon Brick & Tile Company, and for a time was a traveling salesman out of Gulfport. His education was received in the common and high schools in Alabama and North Carolina, and the school of experience. Mr. Howell was one of the first men in this section to advocate the conservation of timber, and reforestation of denuded lands, and his long experience in the lumber and forestry business makes him a valuable man especially in forestry matters, for at the present time when reforestation is taking its proper place men of his txperience are necessary. Owning farm and cut-over lands himself, and being thoroughly familiar with south Mississippi lands, he is in a position to, and does, give his clients the right information. In the life of Mississippi, and especially the southern part of the state, he is prominent in development work. He is a director of the Mississippi State Board of Development, member of the Harrison County Seawall Commission, member of the Democratic Executive Committee, trustee of the Agricultural High School and Junior College of Perkinston, and a member of the Mississippi Forestry Commission. Mr. Howell is also an active member of the Methodist church. He is progressive in his ideas, and a worker for the betterment of the state.

AVELEZ HOTEL, Biloxi, Miss.---Miss E. L. Brady, Proprietress.---Conveniently and centrally located in the center of the business section of Biloxi is one of the leading hotels of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and is well and popularly known as the "Host of the Coast," and is also well known as a home for the family, tourist, and the commercial man. It is conducted on the European Plan, every room having a bath. The hotel is fireproof in its construction, and convenient in its appointments. There are eighty-eight well-furnished, well-heated and well-lighted and ventilated sleeping rooms, single and en suite. For the family there is every convenience, for the tourist there is a home, and for the commercial man the management gives the best of service, as is done with every guest in this popular hotel. As one drives down Howard street, the principal thoroughfare of the city, one at once notices this handsome structure. Entering the arcade that leads to the lobby, one passes by the handsomely appointed cafe, where regular meals and quick lunches are served. As one enters the lobby he will notice the handsome furnishings for the comfort of the guests and at once say, "This is the place I have been looking for." The clerk behind the desk is there to give courteous service and make one feel at home, and the management sees to it that this service is maintained as long as you stay in the hotel. The Avelez was established and built some five years ago and from its inception has maintained the high standard that has placed it not only as one of the leading hotels of Biloxi but one of the very best in the state. The accompanying picture gives you some idea of the pleasure to be found while you are its guest.

AVELEZ HOTEL BUILDING

gether in a wonderfully fine way and while there is considerable work yet to be done in the matter of consolidating some of the schools, our people are ready to adopt the better way when the plan is shown.

This picture does not show all the consolidated schools in the county. Bassfield consolidated school, of which R. L. Hunt is superintendent, has enrolled 400 children, most of whom are from the country, some of them coming eight miles to school. Ten motor trucks bringing in daily about 300 children. There are twelve teachers employed, several of whom are full college graduates and all of whom have had special training for the work. Standard music, laboratory, library, a four-year curriculum and other splendid advantages are offered.

PRENTISS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
CARSON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
SUPERINTENDENT'S HOME CARSON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
BASFIELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
SCIENCE BUILDING — CARSON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
HOME OF VOCATIONAL TEACHER-CARSON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
WHITESAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

THE HANDSOME SCHOOL BUILDINGS OF JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY

Carson consolidated school is perhaps the largest rural school in the state, having enrolled 500 children. Twelve motor trucks bring in around 360 children. Sixteen teachers are employed, several of whom are full college graduates and all have had special training. A four-year curriculum, music, laboratory, vocational agriculture, home economics, as well as all the activities of a large school are given. A daily cafeteria service is offered the children in this school. It has two teachers' homes and a science hall. W. W. Gray is superintendent.

Prentiss consolidated school has enrolled around 350 children, many of whom come from six to eight miles in the country. Five motor trucks and one car are used. The equipment is splendid. Twelve teachers are employed, several of whom are full college graduates, and all of whom have had special training in the work taught. Music, a four-year curriculum, laboratory, with all the activities of a four-year school are offered. This school had been for years a separate district, but the patrons of the town abolished the district and invited the folks of the country to join. T. L. Lewis is the superintendent.

Whitesand consolidated school has enrolled around 170 children, operates four motor trucks and employs seven teachers in its faculty, two of whom are full graduates, with others having had special training in the subjects taught. It offers music, a four-year curriculum, and gives varied advantages in student activities. It maintains a fine community organization which meets once a month. It has a full library and laboratory equipment. Astor McGee is the superintendent.

Jeff. Davis-Lawrence, which is not shown above, is a large four-year line school with Lawrence county. It has enrolled 260 children, operates several motor trucks and gives the people a fine service. Laboratory, libraries, and a splendid corps of teachers, two of whom are full graduates, give good service.

The two and three-year schools in the county are: Hebron, R. A. Berry, principal; Red House, L. C. Burkett, principal; Clem, J. C. McDavid, principal; Good Hope, Ennis Crawford, principal. These are doing a good work.

Jeff. Davis has line schools with Marion county at Hathorn; Lamar and Marion, at Hickory Grove; Lawrence at New Hebron; Simpson, at Mt. Zion, as well as with Covington.

The county has among its teachers graduates from Peabody, University of Mississippi, Mississippi College, Millsaps, Belhaven, Whitworth, Teachers' College, Mississippi Woman's College, A. & M., Carson-Newman, Sophie Newcomb, Hillman.

Too much praise cannot be given the P. T. A. organizations over the county. With the help of these, many enterprises for the schools have been carried out, such as beautifying grounds, purchasing pianos, library books, etc.

The tax levies in Jefferson Davis county for schools vary from 11 mills to 25 mills. The county feels that the state should shoulder a great deal of the burden for consolidated schools, for these are the plants where a great majority of the citizens of the state of tomorrow are getting all the training they will ever have. They are the "universities" for thousands of children without which there is no light or hope for these boys and girls, many of whom come from poor families. The local districts are taxed to the breaking point for buildings and bonds. It is the hope of the people that the state may recognize the great value to its future citizens by increasing the appropriations to these common and consolidated schools, for in them the lessons of health, citizenship, leadership and the finest kind of anti-bolshevistic tonic are given children.

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F. A. ANDERSON

F. A. ANDERSON, Gloster, Miss.---Without a doubt there is not a man or a group of men, who has done more to upbuild and develop Amite county, than the subject of this short editorial mention. Mr. F. A. Anderson, is the General Manager of the Gloster Lumber Company, of Gloster, Miss. He operates his own demonstration farms where he shows by actual demonstration what can be raised in the county. He also has a large Pecan Grove of about 2000 trees, and he has demonstrated that dairying is a paying proposition, as well as raising Beef Cattle, of the high grade type which he believes the Abderdeen Angus is the best. The writer had the pleasure of a visit and seeing these things, and knows whereof he speaks. For the drainage work Mr. Anderson has been actively engaged with the Homochitto Drainage District, and as a builder he has proven his worth to the county in which he lives. Mr. Anderson was born in Davenport, Iowa, but has lived in the South since 1898, and for the past fifteen years he has been living in Amite County, Mississippi, operating one of the large saw mills in that section. This company is also actively engaged in Reforestation project, and Mr. Anderson is a real believer in this work, and believes that it can be worked out on a profitable basis with the adoption of the forest fire protection and adequate taxes.

W. V. CAULFIELD, Gloster, Miss.---Editor and Publisher of the Gloster Record, also engaged in the mercantile business operating a bakery and grocery store, one of the leading establishments in the city. In the business world of Gloster, Mr. Caulfield has achieved success both as a merchant and publisher. The "Record" was established in 1888 by the late W. D. Caulfield, the father of the present proprietor, and is one of the leading publications of that section of the state. Mr. Caulfield is a native of Amite county, receiving his education in the schools of Gloster. When only fourteen years of age he commenced work in the printing office and has been in the publishing business most of the time since then. He is an able writer, and his long practical experience gives him a clear insight in all of the different branches of the printing craft. His office is well equipped with modern type-setting machines and presses affording him the facilities to turn out a good paper and do all kinds of job printing. In the civic life of Gloster Mr. Caulfield has taken an active part, has served the city as its mayor and was Justice of the Peace for twelve years and a member of the school board. He believes in progressive work and takes an active part in putting over those things that will help in the development of the resources of his home community and the state generally.

W. V. CAULFIELD

W. L. TATUM

W. L. TATUM, Gloster, Miss.---Gloster is a progressive small city and this high element of public improvement has been brought about by the men of that city who believe in their home community and are workers for its good and welfare. In the front rank of these men, of which we are pleased to speak, is Mr. W. L. Tatum, dealer in general merchandise and cotton buyer. Mr. Tatum was born in Amite county and has lived here all of his life and has been identified with all forward activities of the county. He received his education in the common schools of the county, and for thirty-five years has been one of the city's leading merchants. For sixteen years he served the city most acceptably as its mayor, he is the vice-president of the Amite county bank, past Grand Chancelor of the order of K. P. of the state of Mississippi, a member of the Masons, W. O. W. and the Baptist church and prominent in the civic life of the county and its surrounding section. Mr. Tatun has sponsered all movements for the betterment of the county and city. He assisted in the building of the new $45,000.00 school house. Was active and a member of the City Council during the building of the modern light and water plant which cost about $23,000. The city built a new 100,000 gallon reservoir last year of which the cost has been entirely liquidated. He is a good roads booster and takes an active interest in politics.

HENRY FIELD STOUT, Liberty, Miss.---Was born on a farm near Fairview, Ill., Nov. 16 1871. Here he lived, farmed, attended and taught country schools until twenty-four years old. He then entered Illinois State Normal University and graduated in 1900. He has taught nearly every year since and for the last fourteen years has been connected with agricultural high schools. For the last eight years he has been superintendent of the Amite County Agricultural High School. He graduated from A. & M. College of Mississippi in 1924. He was married to Mary Wells of Decatur, Ill., in 1903 and has three children. Genevieve, twenty-one, is now a post-graduate student in the University of Colorado; George, twenty, is a student in the music department of Louisiana State University; Sherrod, eleven, is in the graded school. He moved to Miss. in 1913 and is a great believer in the ultimate destiny of that great state. He believes in its people, in its history and in the ultimate success of its economic resources. He is a lover of music, of boys and girls, and in God's great out-of-doors. He believes in meeting the world with a smile and in the scriptural injunction "Love thy neighbor as thyself." He is a member of the Presbyterian church, of the Modern Woodmen and the Masons and a past master, a Knight Templar and a Shriner.

HENRY FIELD STOUT

GEORGE M. CAUSEY, Gloster, Miss.---Among those public men who have made Gloster the hustling small city that it is, it is proper that a prominent place be given Mr. George M. Causey, merchant and farmer. Mr. Causey has lived all of his life in Amite county and has served the county in different ways; for twelve years he was chancery clerk. For a time he was the cashier of the Gloster Bank & Trust Company. He gave active service in the building of the handsome Baptist church at Liberty, serving as secretary and treasurer of the church organization. He is the owner of several farms in the county and owns and operates a farm of 175 acres just on the outside of Gloster city limits. Receiving his education in the common schools of the county, he takes and has taken an advanced position in school work, believing that education is one of the great necessities for the upbuilding of a community. Five years ago he entered the mercantile business and in this he has been successful. It is the men of this type that build and advance the development of the resources possessed in that special community in which they live.

BARNEY F. JOHNS, Gloster, Miss.---Owner and Manager of the Johns Motor Company, operating a Ford sales and service station, handling a full line of Ford cars and tractors. In selecting the men of Gloster who are prominent in the advancement of the city and county, it is with pleasure that we write of that sterling gentleman, Mr. Barney F. Johns. Mr. Johns was born in Liberty, Amite county, receiving his education in the common schools of the county and at Southwestern Presbyterian University, of Clarksville, Tenn., and Soule Business College, of New Orleans. He has lived for 35 years in Gloster and for fourteen years has been in his present businesss here. In the civic life of the city he has taken an active interest and has served the city as a member of the board of aldermen, giving his assistance to such movements that were for the betterment of the city and its surrounding community. He is a good wholesouled Mississippian and has lived in the state all of his life. He specifically believes in his home county and state and never passes up an opportunity to say a good word whenever the opportunity is afforded him.

Covington County

SITUATED half-way between the beautiful Mississippi Gulf Coast, with its astonishing development, and the capital of the state. On the Gulf & Ship Island branch of the Illinois Central railroad. With soil types, elevation, drainage and climatic conditions conducive of maximum crops. A healthful section with pure water, excellent transportation facilities, banks, churches, schools, highways and canning factories, is Covington county.

There are four hustling towns in the county, the larger, Collins, the county seat; Mt. Olive and Seminary, and Sanford.

Acreage planted to corn is second only to cotton in Covington county. The corn club boys' record of 228 bushels of corn per acre is held by Covington county.

The Okatoma valley traverses Covington county from the northwest section to the southeast corner—a distance of approximately thirty-five miles. Practically every foot of this valley is ideal for the production of the famous Klondyke strawberry. It is equally well fitted for the production of all the staple crops and of vegetables that are produced in this section of the state. Probably fifteen per cent of the lands in the valley are under cultivation—the remainder being open country from which the pine timber has been cut and which now awaits the activity of the settler who wishes to make a home in a healthful, productive section of the country where climate and soil join forces with him and his family in promoting their success. A section where land is low in price, but high in productivity. The valley is served for its entire length by the Illinois Central railroad and by one of the north and south national highways—No. 49. These traffic facilities parallel each other all the way through the county. There is a large acreage of strawberries grown each year in the neighborhood of Sanford, but this section should grow as many, if not more, strawberries than the Hammond district of Louisiana.

Everybody knows how profitable poultry raising is, especially in a section of country where they can enjoy being outside every day in the year and where an abundance of grasses, grain and everything that goes into a balanced feed for poultry grows as it does in Covington county. Another benefit is that there is a poultry association in the county.

Thousands of acres in Covington county are highly suitable for growing peaches and other fruits. It will be worth while for you to investigate this section in all horticultural work.

COLLINS—Is the county seat of Covington county. The town is controlled by the statutory regulations for municipalities, and its officers stand for a clean government.

The schools of the town are municipally owned, being a separate consolidated school district The school terms continue for a period of nine months, and the best teachers are employed.

There are three churches, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian, all pastors residing in Collins. There is one bank, lumber yards, ice and cold storage plant. The American Pickle Company maintain large packing sheds where cucumbers are prepared for the factory. The canning factory runs practically all the year, canning berries, tomatoes, beans, potatoes, and in fact almost anything in the canning line. There are two cotton gins that are modern in their construction and the best of ginning machinery has been installed.

The city waterworks are among the best in the state for a town of its size. The insurance rates are the minimum. Collins is a good town to locate in where there is a citizenship that is of the highest standard.

MT. OLIVE—Is located in the northern part of the county and is one of the best small towns along the line of the Gulf & Ship Island railroad. About thirty-five miles north of Hattiesburg and is surrounded by an unusually rich agricultural and horticultural section, and has established a high place in the production of watermelons, and cane syrup is produced in large quantities. It is by no means just a cotton community, for all sorts of grain grow in profusion.

Mt. Olive has built good roads radiating out from the town in all directions. Her schools and churches are of the highest standard. The climate is favorable and the health conditions are excellent.

The town has several strong cotton buyers and adequate ginning facilities. The business enterprises cover the entire line of retail merchandising and some are rated as high as many to be found anywhere between Jackson and Hattiesburg. They are sustained in their business activities by a rich farming community.

SEMINARY—Is located in the southern part of the county and is particularly known as the great strawberry belt which reaches from Seminary to Sanford. It has the best of marketing facilities in the main line of the Gulf & Ship Island branch of the Illinois Central railroad, and is only twenty-two miles from Hattiesburg. It has a strong bank well supplied with funds to take care of the financial interests of the community. There are several mercantile houses covering all lines of trade.

Jones County, Laurel, Ellisville

ANY who are seeking an opportunity to take part in the great industrial, economic and agricultural development of the Southland will be interested in this story. It presents a few concrete facts and illustrations about one of the most attractive little cities in the country, and its environs.

Thirty years ago the ground on which Laurel is located was a part of a virgin pine forest, which at that time covered this entire section of the state, broken here and there by a small farm and home. It is now a thriving city with a population of upwards of 18,000. The growth of Laurel has been constant and gradual in accordance with a well-balanced program and her citizens enjoy every modern comfort and convenience.

Laurel is located in southeastern section of Mississippi, in the heart of the longleaf pine belt, 140 miles from New Orleans, and 80 miles from the Gulf coast. Three railroads—Illinois Central, Southern, and Gulf, Mobile and Northern give Laurel ready connection with all parts of the country. It is twenty-two hours from Chicago, and thirty-six hours from New York. Thirty-two hours motor travel over the Magnolia route brings Chicago winter golfers to the Pinehurst Hotel to play golf on the beautiful Country Club course, and to fish in the nearby streams in January.

The Laurel public school system is as good as can be found anywhere in the country. The buildings are modern and well equipped; the courses of study have been carefully planned to meet local needs and to prepare students for college and university entrance without further examination. The teachers are well trained and efficient. The school spirit of Laurel is unsurpassed, and there is always an active interest in every movement for making the schools function properly in the community life. An unusual high percentage of the students who enter the Laurel city schools remain in school until they graduate.

The Jones county agricultural high school, located at Ellisville and supported by the state and county, together with a country-wide system of consolidated public schools brings the best high school advantages within reach of

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R. H. MILLS

R. H. MILLS, New Augusta, Miss.---Superintendent of the Public Schools of Perry County. In the building up of the schools of Perry county to the present excellent stage of development, Mr. Mills has played a leading part during the four years that have just passed. Under his leadership, the schools have grown from three accredited high schools to the number of eight, either wholly within the county, or line schools. These eight high schools are so situated that all pupils in the county desiring high school education may reach them. Another outstanding accomplishment has been the elimination of all high school work attempted in schools not in a position to do accredited work and the transportation of the pupils from these schools to the centrally located accredited as mentioned above. These high school pupils are transported at public expense. The establishment of the accredited high schools and the elimination of high school work from those schools not able to do the work, has gone a long ways toward the much needed improvement in the grammar grades throughout the entire county. Since Mr. Mills came into the county superintendent's office, practically all pupils transported are now being transported with motor drawn vehicles, and these operated on daily schedules which prevent children from long waiting periods along the roadside. There have been more brick or concrete buildings erected in Perry county during the past four years than in any ten-year period within the history of the county. The county has owned and Mr. Mills has personally operated a motion picture outfit which has done much to bring to the people a general awakening along all lines of rural development. He has given special co-operation to the County Health Department in the elimination of defects in the children of the county, physically. He has, also, taken an active interest in good roads, general improvement in agriculture such as dairying, club work, etc. He has been actively identified with the church and Sunday school work of his community and county, as well as that of the various commercial organizations.

BEN M. STEVENS, Richton, Miss.---Merchant and Public Spirited Citizen, a Live-Wire Business Man.---In all communities there are men who take the lead in those matters that are for the good and progress of the community in which they live. In this instance we wish to call the attention of our readers to that sterling gentleman and highly esteemed citizen, Mr. Ben M. Stevens, a man with a vision of things to come, and a man who is at the head of many of the larger interests in his section of the state. Mr. Stevens was born in Carrollton, Miss., and was educated in the schools of the state, graduating from the University of Mississippi in 1911. For three years he was traveling salesman covering Mississippi. Fifteen years ago he opened his department store in Richton, which has grown until today it is the largest store of this character in Southeast Mississippi. He has served on the board of aldermen of Richton 14 years. He is the secretary and treasurer of the C. H. Stevens Company; secretary and treasurer of the Richton Investment Company; secretary and treasurer of the Taylorsville Light Company and of the Richton Ginning Company, president of the Bank of Avera, director of the Bank of Richton and the Wally-Green Lumber Company and several other interests he is connected with. He is a member of the Methodist church and superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a Past Master of the Masonic lodge of Richton, Past Chancelor K. of P.; Past President of the Rotary Club, and a member of several other orders and societies.

L. A. WILSON, Richton, Miss.---Editor, Publisher and Owner of the Richton Dispatch, a paper ably edited and neatly printed, with a circulation that covers a large part of southeast Mississippi in particular and throughout the state in general. The position of the editor of a newspaper in a community is one that is hardly recognized, for people just take things for granted and expect the local paper to do the work of the whole neighborhood in a publicity way. The newspaper, with the editor, is the mouthpiece of the community. And the work done by such a paper as the "Dispatch" cannot be doubted in its efficiency as a "Community Builder." Mr. Wilson, its editor, is a native Mississippian, born in Kosciusko, receiving his education in the high schools of Mississippi, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana. For twenty-five years he has been in the newspaper business and since 1914 has been located in Richton. He has served on the Board of Aldermen of the town, and is the secretary of the local Rotary Club, also the secretary of the Perry County Fair Association. During the past two years he has been the publicity man, and the advance agent for the "Know Mississippi Better Train" that has been run north, east and west during the last three years. His plant is a modernly equipped one and fitted for doing all kinds of job printing.

DR. W. I. MARSALIS, Centerville, Miss.---Physician and Druggist, operates and owns Marsalis Drug Store.---Among those men of Centerville and Wilkinson county who have attained the highest citizenship for the work that they have done to make the city and county one of the best in the state, is Dr. W. I. Marsalis, a gentleman of the highest type of citizenship. Dr. Marsalis is a native Mississippian and received his boyhood education in the school at Liberty, Amite county, his medical and professional education at the Louisville Medical College of Louisville, Ky., and a post-graduate course at Tulane University, of New Orleans. For thirty years he has lived in Centerville and has practiced medicine and operated a drug store here for the past twenty-five years. For ten years he was county health officer, during which time he inaugurated many projects that were beneficial to the health of the community. In the building of good roads in Wilkinson county Dr. Marsalis has taken a personal interest and given his time and aid in this great work and much credit must be given him for what he has done. He also most materially assisted in the getting of a new consolidated school located at Centerville. These are only a few of the progressive movements that he has fostered, for he is a worker for the good of his home community and state.

MORRIS COHEN, Starkville, Miss.---Writer and Newspaper Correspondent, a man with years of experience in the newspaper world. Mr. Cohen was born in New York City, receiving his education in the schools of that city. After leaving school he decided to take up newspaper work and has been connected with several of the large papers of New York, doing work on assignment. In this work he achieved success, and has followed this business for the past twenty-five years. Twenty years ago he came to Starkville and has been one of the active citizens of that progressive city since that time, taking a strong personal interest in the upbuilding and advancement of the community. For six years he was the county treasurer, but the most of his life has been spent in newspaper work and he is the correspondent of several of the leading dailies of this part of the South, in which work he has been instrumental in sending out to the world a great deal of publicity matter that has done its share in the building of the Starkville of today, advertising its great natural resources awaiting development. Mr. Cohen is a typical writer of the old school of newspaper men and well understands "news value."

JACKSON LOWERY COLLINS, Laurel, Miss.---Sole Owner and Manager of the "Aero Speed Gas Company." Mr. Collins is one of those progressive citizens and business men who believes in doing something all of the time. He is a native of Jones county, born in Ellisville, receiving his education in the high school of his native home, afterwards attending the Preparatory School and Marion Institute of Marion, Ala., and finished in the Alabama Polytechnic School of Auburn, Ala. In January, 1922, he located in Laurel and six years ago established this company and was the first independent oil company to do business here and one of the first in the state, now having seven stations here, three in Ellisville, one in Moselle, one in Sandersville, one in Soso, one in Taylorsville, one in Mize; in all he has operating nineteen stations. In college fraternal clubs he is a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha. He is a 32d degree Mason, Shriner and a member of Hamasa Temple of Meridian. He is an active member of the Laurel Chamber of Commerce and the Country Club. In every progressive movement for the betterment of his home community his activeities have been felt, for he willingly gives his services when needed.

every rural community. These consolidated school districts have modern buildings and equipment. Comfortable school buses are provided to transport to and from school those children too far distant to walk. Specially trained teachers are employed to give instruction in the vocations—agriculture, industry, and home economics. Parents with children to educate should carefully consider the splendid public school advantages of Laurel and Jones county when seeking new location. To work in cooperation with the county superintendent of education, the county supervisors employ two county agents—a man and a lady—to do extension work with the girls' and boys' agricultural and home science clubs and with patrons of these community schools in promoting other progressive activities, thus connecting the school work with the community activities in a vital way.

Lauren Rogers' library and museum of art grew out of the creation of the Eastman Memorial Foundation by Lauren Chase Eastman in memory of his grandson, Lauren Eastman Rogers.

The Georgian period of architecture has been used for the building with the exterior of local brick and trim of Indiana limestone. The period of the 17th century in the American colonies has been chosen for the interior decoration. In paneled oak and modeled plaster, in hand-wrought iron and hammered brass and in carefully chosen furniture, old craft traditions have been preserved.

In the art gallery are now hung many valuable paintings by English, Dutch and American artists.

The trustees of the Eastman Memorial Foundation have given a home to the circulating library of the Laurel Library Association, and the merging of the two libraries under one roof gives to the city an exceptional library.

Churches of practically every denomination are in Laurel, and the structure and architecture of the houses of worship attest the spiritual loyalty and devotion of the community. All of the leading denominations have able pastors, well organized Sunday schools, and are so located that all the people may easily reach the church of their choice.

Laurel has a Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., each organization housed in its own commodious building and is supported liberally; a local Salvation Army organization, and numerous religious organizations connected with the various churches.

Civic and recreational are the Rotary, Kiwanis, Business and Professional Women's Club, and the Laurel Chamber are active civic and business organizations; well equipped lodges and meeting places for practically all leading fraternal organizations; local American Legion Post; an attractive country club, which experts claim has the best 18-hole golf course in the South; a public library and art gallery; the South Mississippi Fair Association, and many other civic and social organizations.

Other recreational facilities, such as ball parks, tennis courts, together with many miles of paved streets, attractive homes, prosperous industries and a happy citizenship—all combine to make Laurel a most attractive little city.

Laurel manufactures more longleaf pine lumber than any other community in the country, and has been known as a lumber center from its origin. However, within recent years many other industries have taken advantage of the unusually favorable local conditions, so that Laurel's industrial expansion is progressing in accordance with a well-balanced program. The monthly payroll of these enterprises is more than $450,000.

Laurel's favorable climatic conditions, abundant supply of raw material, unsurpassed labor conditions and cheap fuel together with the best educational, social and religious advantages attract the attention of capital seeking profitable investment under favorable surroundings. Indications are that within the near future additional manufacturing plants will be added to those that are already established here and help Laurel still to maintain its position as the leading manufacturing center in the state.

A little over two years ago the Mississippi Power Company, a subsidiary of the Alabama Power Company, purchased the holdings of the Laurel Light and Railway Company, and have built transmission lines into the city, thus furnishing a full supply of super-power for all kinds of manufacturing plants.

Labor conditions are always ideal in and around Laurel. Native white labor, almost all American born, is entirely dependable and comparatively efficient, free from agitation, strikes and lock-outs. The climatic conditions make housing and living costs much less than in the industrial centers of the colder parts of the country. As a rule the labor comes from a home-owning citizenship, which creates contentment and stability which makes for productive efficiency.

The mean winter temperature locally is fifty and the summer is eighty with no extremes of heat or cold. Out-of-door operations are carried on every day in the year, and production is never halted on account of cold or heat. The mild climate and abundant food supply are conducive to good health among employes which is another important efficiency factor.

The municipal water supply comes from artesian wells and is almost entirely free from any objectionable minerals and the supply is inexhaustible.

Laurel invites only such industries as can find an abundant supply of raw material, and other favorable factors for economical production. The Laurel trade territory produces more than 50,000 bales of cotton annually. There are vast quantities of waste at the sawmills and thousands of acres of second growth pine timber in this territory suitable for the manufacture of pulp and paper.

Laurel has everything necessary for almost any kind of a wood-working plant, such as furniture, automobile bodies, boxes, refrigerators, wagons, handles, veneer, panels, and toys.

Three railroads furnish Laurel convenient access to all parts of the country. The Southern Railway System (N. O. & N. E.) gives direct connection with New Orleans and all Southwestern points, and with Cincinnati, Washington, New York, and all Eastern points. The Illinois Central furnishes connection with the ports at New Orleans and Gulfport, making easy water connections with all parts of the world and puts Laurel within 22 hours of Chicago. The Gulf, Mobile and Northern railroad puts the city in easy reach of the port of Mobile and gives satisfactory connections with the Mobile & Ohio and other roads north.

The Magnolia route is the shortest highway from Chicago to Laurel and Gulfport. The Lone Star route passing through Laurel connects Jacksonville, Fla., and San Francisco, Cal. The state system of highways, in addition to the national routes mentioned, connect Laurel with all parts of Mississippi and into all adjoining states. Brick, concrete, and gravel roads are already built, or are under construction throughout the Laurel trade territory, putting a large agricultural section of the state in reach of the city as a central market.

The soil in the yellow pine belt is not naturally as rich in available plant food as the Mississippi Delta lands, but no soil in the South responds so readily to fertilizers and is better adapted to diversified farming that our sandy loam lands. The cut-over lands lie well, have a red clay subsoil, are comparatively cheap, and offer splendid opportunities for profit in farming along with a delightful climate in which to live. General farming, dairying, live stock production, vegetable and fruit growing, have all proven to be profitable in this territory.

Jones county has a record of 216 bushels of corn produced on one acre of land in one crop. One Jones county farmer gathered twenty bales of cotton from eighteen

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HON. V. M. ROBY

HON. V. M. ROBY, Tylertown, Miss.---Attorney at Law and a leading citizen of his home community. Mr Roby was born in Leake county, Mississippi, receiving his education in the public and private schools of Kosciusko in Attala county, where he was reared. Afterwards he graduated from the Law School of the University of Mississippi, a profession that he has practiced for the past sixteen years. When deciding upon location for his future home he selected Tylertown and for the sixteen years he has practiced law, in which he has been most successful, he has been located here. At the election in 1923 he was chosen to represent the county of Walthall in the state legislature, serving during the sessions of 1924 and 1926. While in the legislature Mr. Roby never forgot to work for the interests of his home community. In all activities of a progressive nature intended to advance the development of Walthall county and Tylertown he takes an active place, firmly believing in a future of greater things in that part of the state. In the religious and civic life of Tylertown he is a member of the local lodge of Masons, a deacon in the Baptist church and vice-president of the Tylertown Chamber of Commerce.

LOUIS S. QUIN, Tylertown, Miss.---In writing the stories of the men of Tylertown and Walthall county it is with pleasure that we are permitted to speak of that sterling gentleman and public spirited citizen, Mr. Louis S. Quin, a man who has made good and built up an enviable position among the people of his home community as well as far afield in many sections of the state. Mr. Quin is the proprietor of the Quin Wholesale Grocery, which he established in 1921. He is also proprietor of the Quin Chevrolet Company, operating a Chevrolet sales and service station, where he has on sale all makes of that popular car, and employs skilled workmen to take care of the service department. Mr. Quin was born in McComb, Pike county, Mississippi, attaining his education in the schools of that county and city. Before he went into the wholesale grocery business and the automobile sales service he operated a saw mill for twelve years, up to the time that he came to Tylertown. He is the president of the Walthall County Fair Association and active in the Masonic bodies. Mr. Quin has visions of a greater community and willingly gives his assistance to help all progressive movements for the good of his home city and surrounding section, and is a member of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

LOUIS S. QUIN

JESSE CRAWFORD LUTER

JESSE CRAWFORD LUTER, Tylertown, Miss.---Chancery Clerk of Walthall County, Prominent and Esteemed Citizen.---In the official life of Walthall county there is no man who takes a higher position than the subject of this short editorial mention, Hon. Jesse Crawford Luter, the efficient chancery clerk, the man who keeps the records and keeps them well. Mr. Luter is one of Walthall county's native sons and was educated in the schools of the county and at Mississippi College. After leaving school he taught in the schools of the state for ten years and held the office of justice of the peace for a like number of years. For twelve years he has held the office of chancery clerk. The pleasant and affable disposition of Mr. Luter has endeared him to the people. As chancery clerk he gives attention to the wants of the people, and his standing in the community is a most enviable one, having a host of friends in all walks of the life of the county. He is a member of the local lodge of Masons and active in the deliberations of the Woodmen of the World.

CLAUDE I. BRUMFIELD, Tylertown, Miss.---One of the most important offices in the administration of the government of a county is that of superintendent of education. The man who fills this office to the better good of the people must be a man of education and practical in educational work. Walthall county is to be congratulated that it has such a man in Mr. Claude I. Brumfield, who has been at the head of this department in the county government for eight years. For tweny-four years he has been in school work, and is a native of Walthall county and has lived here the greater part of his life, thus he knows the needs to make his administration efficient. Mr. Brumfield received his education in the schools of the county, Tylertown Normal Institute and Mississippi College. During the time he has been county superintendent he has been instrumental in placing all schools of the county in the consolidated class, established one Smith-Hughes school and six schools with teachers' homes, which is a pleasant record for Mr. Brumfield to look back to. In the social and fraternal activities of his home community he is active as a member of the Baptist church, Masonic lodge, K of P., and W. O. W. During the sixteen years he taught school, four of them were in Tylertown.

SETH E. GINN, Tylertown, Miss.---Merchant and Cotton Buyer and Ginner.---In the business life of Tylertown and Walthall county, there is not a more popular citizen than the subject of this sketch, the Hon. Seth E. Ginn. Mr. Ginn is one of Walthall county's native sons and he has lived in the county all of his life, taking part in all activities that mean progress and the advancement of his home community. Since 1907 he has been in the mercantile and cotton business, operating a modern cotton gin. He was educated in the schools of the county and at Bowling Green, Ky., and in schools of New Orleans. In the civic life of the city he has taken a prominent part, was alderman for six years and was mayor for the same length of time. In fraternal circles he is a member of the Masonic bodies, being a 32d degree Mason and a membr of the Baptist church. He is the vice-president of the State Guaranty Bank and Trust Company and was one of the organizers of this bank, which is one of the leading financial institutions of that part of the state. Mr. Ginn is a man of the highest integrity, who believes that his state, county and home community hold out great promise for the future.

acres of land, and an average of more than two-thirds of a bale per acre on two hundred and fifty acres. Another produced one thousand pounds of tobacco per acre. This is the home of the sweet potato, Nancy Hall and Porto Rico yams are grown profitably for the northern market. The scientific curing process now in use make this one of the surest crops grown in the territory. Ribbon cane from which is produced the famous Mississippi cane syrup is grown to its greatest perfection. It is easy to produce five hundred gallons of fine syrup from one acre of land. Oats, soybeans, velvet beans, cowpeas and other legumes produce abundant feed crops for dairy cows and other livestock and at the same time improve the soil for other crops. Before the advent of the boll weevil it was so easy for the farmer to make a living through cotton and corn farming that the value of diversification of their crops was not, until recent years, appreciated or practiced. The growing season for staple crops in this section is more than seven months each year, while a great variety of vegetables will grow in the open throughout the winter months. This makes it possible for the farmer to have some crop growing every month of the year, and when properly rotated three and four crops may be grown on the same ground each year.

The success on the part of farmers in this section, who have engaged in the dairy business in a small way, furnished ample demonstrations of the adaptability of dairying in this part of the state. A creamery now in operation in Laurel is rapidly increasing its output of butter to meet the requirements of the rapidly growing industry. The creamery provides a cash market for all of the cream produced in the territory.

Poultry raising on the farms is one of the most interesting, as well as most profitable, enterprises for the capital invested. It is an enterprise in which all members of the family may have a part and share in the profits. The girls' poultry club in Jones county have demonstrated the financial value of a flock of well-bred hens on the farm when properly handled.

Whether you are a manufacturer or producer, the question of a vocation is a very important one. You should locate in or near a progressive town where you have a large variety of good properties to select from, where prices and terms are reasonable, and where natural growth and improvements going forward would insure a good profit on your investment. Laurel is a new city, sanely progressive, now humming with industries of various kinds, but an abundant supply of raw material and many natural advantages make it an attractive place for additional factories. The factories here are prosperous.

Only twenty-five per cent of available land in the Laurel trade territory is now in cultivation, on which are located ten thousand homes. While the land is cheap and can be bought and cut up into small tracts, it is the desire of the citizens of Laurel to increase the number of homes to fifteen thousand within the next fifteen years. The business men of Laurel realize that they are living in a section of the country that has great possibilities, and are willing to spend their time and money to let the rest of the world know that these opportunities are only awaiting the influx of additional citizens to properly develop them. Any citizen from any part of the country who desires to share these opportunities, and to have a part in this great development will receive a cordial welcome by the Chamber of Commerce and all citizens of Laurel. The railroads, the business interests, the churches, the schools, and all citizens of Laurel are co-operating in this development work. For full and accurate information concerning Laurel and its trade territory write.

ELLISVILLE—Is situated six miles south of Laurel and like Laurel is a county seat, as Jones county has two county capitals. It is a much older city, but is just as progressive. The road between the two cities will soon be paved all of the way. The mercantile houses are leaders in their lines of trade and the merchants are men who are boosters for their home community and trade territory. The Jones county agricultural high school is located at Ellisville, as is the home for the feeble minded.

Wayne County

(By C. L. DANIEL)

WAYNE county, Mississippi, is located in the southeastern part of the state and contains an area of 524,800 acres. No section of the county has yet been settled to its full capacity, and much land that will produce fine crops is still uncultivated.

WAYNESBORO—The county seat, is the most important town and enjoys a fine wholesale and retail trade over a large territory, and is one of the most progressive and fastest growing towns in the state. Its population, also its property values have doubled in the past few years. Backed by a fine agricultural territory and a thrifty lot of farmers, the town is destined to soon become a city. There are already a number of industries located here and more are needed. We are assured of new enterprises locating here in the near future. There is a great opportunity here for the following factories, to-wit.: furniture, veneer, vegetable packages, cotton, clothing, hosiery and underwear, mattress, shoe, brick and tile.

A SCENE IN WAYNE COUNTY

The climate of the county is typical of the warm temperate zone. The southern boundary is only 63 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, and the temperature is consequently tempered in the winter by the warm winds and in the summer by the cool breezes from the Gulf. The short mild winters and long summers give a long growing season, and an opportunity for a wide diversification of crops. Winter weather is so mild that it is possible to keep the land in cultivation the year round.

The soils of the county for the most part are gently rolling, comprising principally several different types of fine sandy loams with clay subsoils. The loamy nature of the soils make them easily cultivated; this together with the splendid and evenly distributed rainfall make a complete failure of crops unknown in the county.

Cotton is one of the principal cash crops and is grown on most of the farms of the county. The best farmers

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LESTER L. WILLIAMS

LESTER L. WILLIAMS, Tylertown, Miss.---Editor and Publisher of the Tylertown Times, one of the leading papers of South Mississippi. Probably Mr. Williams is the youngest editor in the state, but that does not prevent him from being an able writer, a hustler and a man who knows how to publish a paper that the people like to read. Although he is only twenty-four years of age he has been in this business for five years, two years of which have been in the publishing and building up of this paper. His birthplace was in Scott county, near Lake, Mississippi, and his education was received in the high school of Ridgeland, Madison county, and at a business college in Macon, Ga. Since coming to Tylertown and buying the "Times" he has shown his worth to the people of this progressive small city. He has made the policy of his paper one of advancement, advocating those measures that will assist in the building up of a greater and better community. In fraternal circles and social welfare Mr. Williams is a member of the local lodge of Masons and the Methodist church. As an editor he recognizes his obligation to the people to assist at all times in promotion work.

EDGAR E. JOHNSON, Tylertown, Miss.---County Agent for Walthall County. One of the greatest benefits to Mississippi is the work done by the county agents in several counties in the state. In this work Walthall county takes a leading part in the work done and that is being done by its county agent, Edgar E. Johnson, a man who thoroughly understands his business, believes in diversified farming and helps the tillers of the soil in their endeavor to make their lands produce in many different crops. Mr. Johnson was born in Oxford, Mississippi, attending the schools there and afterwards went to A. & M. College, from which institution he is a graduate. He also attended the University of Mississippi. After graduation he decided to take up his present profession, studying in a practical way the science of production on the farm. In this work he has succeeded, as is fully demonstrated from the progressive work he has done in his present location. He has followed this occupation for four years, all of the time in Walthall county. In the social functions of Tylertown he is active and is a member of the Masonic bodies. Mr. Johnson has made good friends of the farmers and they welcome him on his visits to all sections of the county.

DR. B. L. CRAWFORD, Tylertown, Miss.---Physician and Surgeon. Standing high among the men who have attained a high position in the citizenship of Tylertown and Walthall county as "builders" of their home community, is Doctor B. L. Crawford, who has been the leading practicing physician in the community for the past eighteen years. Dr. Crawford is a native of Tylertown, receiving his early education in the schools of the county, at Mississippi College and Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia. Pa. After leaving school he returned to his home town where he had lived as a boy and commenced the practice of his profession, in which he has been most successful, becoming the best known physician in this part of the state. Dr. Crawford has always been progressive in his ideas and was of those hustling business and professional men who helped to organize the new county of Walthall in 1912. He was one of the men who assisted in introducing the bill in the legislature that made this possible. In the social, civic and fraternal life of Tylertown he is a prominent figure, being a member of the Masonic order up to the Shriner degree, is also a K. of P. and W. O. W. For eight years he was a member of the state board of health, and is at present the county health officer and a member of the school board.

CHARLES J. BLACKWALL, McNeill, Miss.---Prominent Citizen, Business Man, Real Estate Dealer and Nurseryman.---Has served as representative in the state legislature from Pearl River county. Mr. Blackwall was born in McNeill, Pearl River county, and has lived there all his life. He received his education in the schools of his native county and at Tennessee Castle Heights Preparatory School. Deciding that the place of his birth was the best place on earth, he made up his mind to stay there in his life's work, and for the past six years has been actively engaged in real estate development, operating a large nursery and farming. As he was brought up on the farm he understands this business in all of its branches and the results of work and practical experience are demonstrated in what Mr. Blackwall has done in development work in and around McNeill. Four years ago he was elected to the state legislature and was numbered among members of that body who were instrumental in passing several laws that have helped the state in its progressive activities that have taken place in the state's onward march to greatness. Mr. Blackwell believes in his home community, his county and his state, and can be classed as one of the state's leading "builders." In the social and fraternal life of his home section he holds a prominent position and is an active member of the local Masonic organizations.

WILLIAM H. CONERLY, Tylertown, Miss.---Salesman and Farmer.---In writing the editorial sketches of the men who are active in the upbuilding of Tylertown and its surrounding community, it is fitting that we speak of Mr. William H. Conerly, one of the men who has been active in the building of the city of today. Mr. Conerly was born in what is now Walthall county, and has lived here all his life. Until he was twenty-one years of age he followed the occupation of farming; later he was in the mercantile and cotton business, and is at present a salesman in the large department store operated by the Lampton interests. Mr. Conerly helped to clear the land on which the busy city of Tylertown stands, which was up to that time used for the pasturing of cattle. Besides his present work he operates a large farm of 570 acres in the county. In the building up of the town he has taken a prominent part through publicity that he sent out and he believes that the future growth of the town and its surrounding section will be great in comparison with the present time.

JOSEPH WILLIAM HEAP, Tylertown, Miss.---Banker and Financier, Cashier of the State Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, of Tylertown, and prominent citizen Mr. Heap was born in New Orleans and received his education in the schools of that city. At an early age he took up the business of banking and has followed this vocation for the past twenty-three years. He was connected with the Interstate Trust and Banking Company, of New Orleans, for ten years, and was cashier of the Merchants and Farmers Bank, of Melville, La., for six years, coming to Tylertown eight years ago, assisting in the establishment of this bank of which he is the able cashier. As a banker Mr. Heap ranks with the best of them, his long practical experience giving him a prominent position among the bankers and financiers of the state. Mr. Heap is a 32d degree Mason, a Shriner, Royal Arch Past Master, Blue Lodge and Past Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star. In all activities of Tylertown that have the thought behind them of improvement and development of the resources of the community he takes an advanced position.

grow from a half bale to a bale per acre. Oats, rye and other winter cover crops may be planted after the cotton is gathered. These cover crops are very often used for grazing during the winter. Other cash crops grown in a commercial way are: sweet potatoes, sugar cane, peaches, melons, strawberries and truck. All these crops are sold in carload lots. Pecans thrive here and are found on almost every farm. Thousands of pounds are shipped annually.

A large acreage is planted each year in early vegetables. Resident buyers pay the growers the highest cash price at their packing department and shipment is made to the northern markets. The Buckatunna Canning Factory, one of the most complete of the kind to be found, furnishes a ready market for fruit and vegetable crops. The principal vegetables planted are: English peas, carrots, cabbage, tomatoes, beans, cucumbers, radishes, turnip greens and okra. Returns from trucking sometimes run as high as $500 per acre.

Vegetable gardens reduce the cost of living in this section as well as increase the healthfulness of the people. Green vegetables of some kind may be had from the garden every day of the year.

Corn is the chief feed crop grown and one acre has been known to produce as high as 178 bushels; however the average for the county is around 25 bushels per acre. Other feed crops are oats, soybeans, velvet beans, peanuts and cowpeas. Many winter legumes such as vetches and clovers are grown for land improvement and pasturage. Lespedeza (Japan clover) is well adapted to this section and is one of the principal hay crops of the county.

The long growing season that we have for crops and a grazing season almost the year round, offer unusual advantages for live stock production. Cattle, hogs and sheep are shipped out of the county in large numbers during the year, which furnish a revenue for the growers. Interest in dairying is growing fast. The people are improving their dairy herds. There is now a good cash market in Waynesboro for cream and whole milk, and there is a great hope that a cheese factory will be established here soon.

Poultry is one of the big side lines of farming in the county. Many car loads are shipped annually in a cooperative way, cash being paid at the car. No county is better adapted for poultry than this section and it is one of the cash items on every farm. A cooperative hatchery of large capacity is located in Waynesboro and is proving a boon to the poultry business in this community.

Each fall a County Fair is held at Waynesboro. These fairs are a great success not only from the point of attendance but as a means of promoting interest in the vital factors of the county's progress. Valuable prizes are keenly competed for in the best displays of farm and dairy products, livestock, etc.

The County Agricultural High School is modern in every respect having two large dormitories and ranks with the best in the state. This school coupled with twenty-seven consolidated schools, furnished a high school accessible to every family in the county.

The county has kept step in religious matters and has within its borders different Christian denominations, whose well trained preachers minister to the spiritual needs of the children and the grown-ups are instructed in the great fundamental principals of christian living.

The county is traversed from the East to the West by the Lone Star Trail and from the North to South by the Mississippi Valley Highway, both of which are National Highways and are maintained with federal aid funds. Other modern graveled roads extend out from Waynesboro, to the various communities of the county and surrounding towns.

The main trunk line of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad runs through the central part of the county and two other railroads have considerable milage in the county. With the system of good roads no section of the county is too far from the railroad to market its farm products.

With over 250,000 acres of untilled land waiting for a master that can be bought for $3.50 to $15.00 per acre and plenty of long leaf pine timber it is easy to own a home. The water supply is one of the great assets of the county. Many farms have overflowing wells and pure water can be obtained any place in the county.

For the person seeking pleasure and amusement his paradise can be found here. The fields and forests abound with quail, fox, squirrels and wild turkey; also deer add to the real enjoyment of life. The streams and lakes vary the interest of the sportsman by supplying trout and other fine fish.

According to recent geological surveys indications are that vast pools of oil underlie Wayne county and at this writing leases are being obtained on a block of about 70,000 acres and drilling contracts are being sought.

The people of Waynesboro and Wayne county want to know you and cordially invite you to visit their town and county, the home of happiness, co-operation, friendship and opportunities. For further information apply to Wayne County Chamber of Commerce, Room 4, Daniel Building, Waynesboro, Miss.

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THE 4-H BOYS' AND GIRLS' JAMBOREE

ORCHARD IN WAYNE COUNTY

FRANK JOHNSON, Aberdeen, Miss.---President of the Aberdeen Creamery Company and a man who has done more in the upbuilding of the dairy business in northeast Mississippi than any other man in that territory. Mr. Johnson has been in the Creamery business for the past thirty-seven years, fourteen years of which have been in Mississippi, locating in Aberdeen some thirteen years ago, when he established the Aberdeen Creamery in a comparatively small way, but under his able management with the assistance of his associates he has built up the largest interest of this character in the state. Mr. Johnson is a native of Wisconsin and received his education in that state. At an early age he commenced work in the creamery business and was located in Wisconsin and Illinois, up to the time he came to this state. Aberdeen Creamery as it is today covers the field in this work and has several kindred branches, which are spoken of in another section of this work. Mr. Johnson believes in a great future for this section and is one of the hardest workers he is a member of the Masonic order and active in the work for its advancement and development. In the life of Aberdeen of the local Rotary Club.

V. E. GASKIN, Aberdeen, Miss.---Vice-President and General Manager of the Aberdeen Creamery.---Mr. Gaskin is a native of South Dakota, and was educated in the schools of Chicago, and in the schools of Wisconsin. Eleven years ago he came to Mississippi and associated himself with Mr. Frank Johnson. He was in this business for thirteen years previous to coming to Aberdeen. As general manager of this plant he has most materially assisted in the placing of the business on its present high plane, making it one of the best establishments of this character in the state and in the South for that matter. Mr. Gaskin is a man of energy and ability and an executive that makes things move. In the organization of the Aberdeen Creamery Company some two years ago which took over the old business that he and Mr. Johnson had built up, he took a prominent part. In the advancement of the dairy business in the northeastern part of the state he has been active, believing that this industry will increase to enormous proportions. In social and fraternal circles he is a member of the Masons and takes part in the deliberations of the local Lions Club.

HON. MARTIN SENNETT CONNOR, Seminary, Miss.---Attorney at Law and Farmer. Among the men of Mississippi who have been a strong factor in the upbuilding of the state and its institutions, there is no citizen that is the peer of the subject of this sketch, as the writer knows him, his career has been one of the highest citizenship. Mr. Conner has lived in Seminary, his present home, for twenty years and is a large land owner of that community. He received his early education in the public schools, afterwards attending and graduating from the University of Mississippi, receiving his B. S. degree and his LL. B. degree, with first honors, from the same institution. He then entered Yale University, where he received the LL. B. degree (cum laude) from that educational institution. For fifteen years he has practiced his profession in his home town. Mr. Conner has been prominent in politics in the state, serving several terms in the state legislature, and was speaker of the House of Representatives for four sessions from 1916 to 1924. He was delegate to the national conventions of 1916 and 1924, and has been a candidate for governor of the state at two different elections. In fraternal life he is a Mason and a Shriner. In college fraternities he is a member of the Kappa Alpha and Phi Alpha Delta, the later being the law fraternity. Throughout the state of Mississippi Mr. Conner has many personal friends who admire him as a scholar, a gentleman and citizen.

J. D. HOWERTON

J. D. HOWERTON, Meridian, Miss.---County Agent for Lauderdale County.---In the development of Mississippi's agriculture there is no organization of workers that has wielded a greater influence than the county agricultural agents. The county agent helps and advises the farmer and assists him in a scientific yet practical way in his work of crop and live stock production and marketing. One of the most efficient county agents in the state is Mr. Howerton, the agent for Lauderdale county. Mr. Howerton was born in Iuka, Miss.; attended the common schools of that county and the high school at Guntown, Miss. He graduated from the Tennessee Normal College at Memphis, in 1913 and from the Mississippi A. & M. College in 1915. For eleven years Mr. Howerton has been in county agent work, two years in Adams county, Miss., located at Natchez, and for the past nine years in Lauderdale county. During this time much constructive work in the advancement of agriculture has been done by Mr. Howerton. Boys' 4-H Club work has been developed by him in Lauderdale county to a high state of efficiency. Over five hundred boys make up the membership of the fifteen Boys' 4-H Clubs. These boys conduct projects in corn, pig, calf, cotton, potato, peanut, and soy bean growing. Many state awards have been won by these boys and over forty of them have won free trips to the National Boys' 4-H Club Congress. Trucking, fruit growing, strawberry culture, dairying, poultry and live stock raising are among the main phases of the program of diversified farming for the county. In fraternal circles, Mr. Howerton is a Mason and a Shriner.

BENNIE PLUNKETT RUSSUM, Pascagoula, Miss.---Bennie Plunkett Russum, superintendent of the Pascagoula city schools, takes high rank in the teaching profession in Mississippi. After ten years of successful experience in agricultural high schools, the last five of which were spent in the Lamar county A. H. S. at Purvis, he entered city school work at Sumrall, from which place he moved to his present position. Mr. Russum was born near Flora, Madison county, Mississippi. He received his elementary school training in the Flora high school. He then entered Mississippi College from which institution he was graduated with the B.S. degree with distinction in 1913. His post-graduate work was done in Tulane University of New Orleans. His liberal education, earnest purpose, and broad experience well qualify him for the work he is doing. He took charge of the Pascagoula city schools one year ago and the schools have made notable progress under his supervision. As an educator, he recognizes his obligations to the public and is alive to the fact that he is expected to train the students under his supervision in such a manner that when they go out into the world they will be fitted to fill the positions that come to them. In this he is most successful, as his past work has demonstrated. In the social and fraternal life of the city he is connected with the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Knight Templar, a Noble of Wahibi Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and a member of the Eastern Star.

BENNIE PLUNKETT RUSSUM

J. T. MATHIS, Leland, Miss.---Mayor of Leland and prominent business man, operator and owner of the City Drug Store. It is an honorable position to be at the head of the government of as progressive a city as Leland, but at the same time there is lots of work involved in the position. But Mr. Mathis fills the position one hundred per cent, for it is his nature to take advantage of every opportunity to forward the interests of his home city and community. That he is a worker was fully demonstrated during the flood last year when Leland was hit as hard as any town in the Mississippi Valley. As the head of the city goverenment his assistance was appreciated for it was given faithfully and well. Mr. Mathis is a native of Kentucky but has lived in Leland for the past nineteen years and is one of the most prominent business men of the city. He received his education in the common and high schools of Farmington, Ky., afterwards attending the Southern Normal University and graduated from the Department of Pharmacy of Vanderbilt University. As well as in his business life he takes a high place in the social and fraternal circles and is a member of the Masonic bodies and the W. O. W. He is also an active member of the local Rotary Club, which to a large extent functions the business of a Chamber of Commerce.

Clarke County

CLARKE county has many possibilities and opportunities in agricultural and horticultural pursuits for the man who intends to make farming and fruit growing his business. Geographically the county is well situated, being bounded on the north by Lauderdale county, on the south by Wayne county and on the west by Jasper county. There are two railroads that enter the county, the Mobile & Ohio and the Southern, thus the excellent transportation facilities enable the county to get its products to market in a few hours.

The highways transverse the county in all directions and are mostly hard surfaced roads.

The soils of Clarke county are widely varied, from a stiff prairie to a sandy loam. The most of it however is of a sandy nature and has a good red clay subsoil, which readily responds to fertilization and is well adapted for general crops, especially in the growing of vegetables, fruit and nuts. The county has a strong production in strawberries, large enough for carload shipments, and many carloads are shipped out of Clarke county annually, as well as many carloads of watermelons, canteloupes and vegetables. Clarke county boasts of having the champion corn grower and one of the champion growers of sweet potatoes. The sand pear, figs, peaches, strawberries, and pecan are good crops and the people are just awakening to its development. Yes, opportunity is knocking on every hand in Clarke county. There are wonderful opportunities for the man with small means if he has the energy. Thousands of acres of cut-over lands are waiting development and can be purchased very cheaply. There are instances where land has been bought in the rough for eight and ten dollars an acre and within a few years sold for two hundred.

The poultry business has commenced to be developed under the leadership of the farm agent and a home demonstration agent, the two co-operating with the farmers in a general way in assisting in this movement, or in any way to improve their agricultural conditions and home life.

There is a Poultry Association and a hatchery and some very fine flocks of chickens and turkeys are seen on the farms throughout the county. Cheap lands, cheap building materials, good markets, and an everlasting water supply, furnished by springs, running creeks, and the finest over-flowing wells that are to be had anywhere are some of the inducements that Clarke county offers in the building up of a larger community in development.

The dairy business is fast coming to the front and the different sections of the county are being developed into pastures and meadows. Hundreds of tons of hay are cut annually for feeding and the surplus finds a ready market at good prices.

Hogs can be grown very cheaply, and all kinds of legumes can be grown for them to feed on at a very low cost after the land is once under fence. There are several herds of pure-bred hogs in the county and this industry is growing for which credit must be given to the club boys.

The public schools are most modern in their character, most of them being consolidated schools, and some are Smith-Hughes schools, one being an Agricultural High School. The larger part of the schools are headed by college men and the children are carried to school in a truck. There are a number of nice churches in the county of different denominations, which speaks well for the people of the county.

QUITMAN—Is the county seat and the largest town the county with a population of over two thousand. It in the county with a population of over two thousand. It portant agricultural and horticultural district that brings to town the produce of one of the best farming sections of the state.

Clustered around the town are the traditions of the "Old South," and mingled with the fine aristocracy reminscent of other days, is the vim and vigor of the "New South," rapidly awakening to a realization of the valuable resources which nature has so generously strewn around them. The democracy of the "New South" that welcomes strangers and invites them to share its opportunities is prevalent in the people of Quitman and community.

Land may be had at low prices and on convenient terms.

Quitman has a large number of retail stores, an unusually strong bank, two railroads, a laundry, bottling works, cotton gin, grist mill and modern hotels. It is also the home of one of the saw mills of the Long-Bell Lumber Company, and there are also several hardwood mills in the county.

The town is most fortunate in its government. Hon. J. A. Terral is the mayor, and J. L. Adams is a member of the city council and city clerk, both taking an active and leading part in all civic enterprises.

SHUBUTA—Is one of those growing towns that has a reason to grow bigger and bigger all the time. Its resources are such that it only needs the hand work of man to make it one of the leading towns in Southeast Mississippi. To enumerate the many good things to be found there we will commence by speaking of its water supply which comes from deep artesian wells, which is one of the reasons why Shubuta is one of the very healthiest places in the country. Then there is a chain of good hard-surfaced roads leading in all directions, making it easy for the farmer, the truck grower, and all people living in the rural district, to come to town to do their marketing, there being no "pulled out of the mud" in the community that surrounds this thriving town.

The leading crops grown in that vicinity are cotton, corn, truck of all descriptions and plenty of it. Potatoes are another good crop. Spink & Jenkins being the large growers of sweet potatoes that make one of the best crops that this enterprising firm of farmers has ever raised.

Shubuta is located in the lower belt of the famous prairie section of the state, where the best lands are found, and which is sure to be a great cattle raising section, as all native grasses grow here in abundance.

The schools throughout the territory are of the best, and one hundred per cent in their efficiency for a better education.

Shubuta has two strong banks, which are capable of taking care of the financial interests of the city and surrounding territory. There is a good hotel, under able management, and ideal in its appointments to satisfy the wants of the traveling public. The churches represent all of the leading denominations and are presided over by learned and sincere clergymen.

The mercantile interests are of the higher order and are representative of their special lines in trade. The people of this section of Clarke county have no difficulty in finding just what they want when trading in the city.

PACHUTA—Is located on the main line of the Southern Railroad route about midway between Meridian and Laurel. It is also on the "Magnolia Route," shortest gravel highway to Chicago from the Gulf Coast of Mississippi. It is a delightful little city in the center of a good agricultural section and peopled by a sturdy class of farmers and business men.

Diversification has been the theme of the leaders of Clarke county and Pachuta has profited by this practice. Cotton, corn, trucking in small quantities, dairying, hay, hogs and a large interest in poultry raising, forms the backbone of the town. Poultry and turkey raising for market has proved valuable to several of the farmers in

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CHARLES LEWIS DANIEL

CHARLES LEWIS DANIEL, Waynesboro, Miss.---Merchant and prominent business man, owner of the business and store of Daniel's Department Store, operating an exclusive dry goods, clothing and shoe store. This modern store, with its handsome show windows, would be a credit to a much larger city. Mr. Daniel was born in Bullock county, Ala., and educated in the schools of Eufaula, Ala., and received a practical education at Massey's Business College of Columbus, Ga. Twenty-five years ago he came to Waynesboro and opened this business in a comparatively small way and has, with a partner, or himself alone operated it since its inception. This is the only exclusive store of its character between Meridian and Mobile. Mr. Daniel has always been active in city and county improvement work and community building; he served the city as alderman, school trustee and as city clerk. He is an active member of the local Chamber of Commerce, of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, the Masonic order and an officer in the Methodist church. He materially assisted in getting cement paving on the sidewalks of the city, was a staunch advocate for the new water and sewerage system, the extending of the limits of the city and good road building throughout Wayne county.

H. B. GRAVES, Waynesboro, Miss.---President of the Merchants and Planters Bank of Waynesboro. For twenty-five years Mr. Graves has been in the banking business, eight years of which have been in Waynesboro as president of this bank He is also interested in several other business enterprises, among which is president of the Shubuta Tie & Timber Company, and a partner in the Graves-Cochran Lumber Company. He also has large interests in lands in this section of the state. Mr. Graves was born in Jones county, Miss., and educated at the schools in Ellisville and at the Queen City Business College. After finishing his education he decided that banking would be his choice and in this he has been most successful, having been connected with different institutions for the past 25 years. The Merchants and Planters Bank, of which he is president, is one of the strongest banks in Southeast Mississippi; it is conservative in its policy yet liberal with its patrons, and is a bank operated under modern banking methods. Mr. Graves is a man of fine attainments and a gentleman with whom it is a pleasure to meet. A man always ready to do his share towards the advancement of his home community.

H. B. GRAVES

FLOYD McCORMICK, Waynesboro, Miss.---Owner and Manager of the McCormick Grocery Company, operating one of the largest wholesale grocery eestablishments in that part of the state, which has been built up by McCormick from a small flour and feed business to its present high position in the commercial interests of that section, covering a large trade territory in its scope of business. Mr. McCormick was born in Shubuta, and has spent nearly all of his life in the state; was educated in the high schools of Shubuta, A. & M. College and at Harrison Business College, of Jackson. He has lived in Waynesboro since 1922 and has operated this business for the past three years. In the activities of Waynesboro he takes a prominent part, belongs to the Masonic orders, Exchange Club, Chambeer of Commerce and the Methodist church. Being a man who believes in progress he sponsored the water and sewerage system that the city has installed, materially assisted in the extending of the city limits, and about any other progressive move that was for the betterment of Waynesboro and its surrounding territory. Mr. McCormick can be termed a "community builder" of the highest type.

FRANK M. SMITH, Waynesboro, Miss.---County Agent for Wayne County. It is hard to estimate the good that the work of the county agent does for the section in which he operates. The better the man that holds this position understands his work the greater good he does. In this Wayne county can be congratulated in having so active and educated a man as Mr. Frank M. Smith, who for the past ten years has been doing this work. Three years he was located in Simpson county, coming to Wayne county seven years ago, during which time he has organized the county in units that are working together for the good of the whole people. His work with the boys' and girls' clubs has been remarkable for the great help that he has done in creating better conditions. Mr. Smith was born in DeKalb, Kemper county, receiving his education in the schools of that county and graduated from A. & M. College in 1910. In his development work for Wayne county he has built up many interests, among which we might particularly speak of the poultry industry, which it is said averages over $5,000.00 a month in receipts for the poultry shipped out, and this is only one of the many industries that he has organized. In fraternal orders he is a member of the Masonic bodies and the K. of P.

WILLIAM S. DAVIS, Waynesboro, Miss.---Attorney at Law and City Clerk.---Mr. Davis was born in Waynesboro and has been prominent in its life. He attended the schools of the city and graduated from Millsaps College Law School, commencing practice of his profession in Waynesboro in 1910 and has served the city in several capacities, among which he was mayor for four terms and is the present city clerk. In every progressive movement he has taken a prominent part, assisted in the installing of the water and sewerage system which is one of the best in the smaller cities of the state. Mr. Davis' father was one of the pioneers of the town and county and served in the office of chancery clerk for forty-four years, forty years of which were consecutive. Mr. Davis firmly believes in his home community; believing that it has a great future when its many resources are further developed, and is never backward in furthering such development as the opportunity is created.

the territory. A community incubator has been installed which will result in a greater increase in poultry produce.

The citizenship of the town is that sturdy class of Anglo-Saxons that dominate the entire life of Mississippi. Deeply religious, the people support several churches. The educational facilities of the town are on a par with any in the state and ahead of many communities. Capable teachers in modern school buildings care for and instruct the young life of the community in things material. School plays, athletic contests, bazaars, community fairs and other events form social life of the finest.

Opportunities are plentiful for the person who desires to farm, raise cattle, poultry, turkeys or engage in business. Land of the best quality can be had at low price per acre and on good terms, conveniently arranged. The business men of the community are desirous of seeing settlers who have the ambition to succeed interested in the community and are willing to aid in any possible way to secure them.

Jasper County & Bay Springs

BAY SPRINGS, Mississippi, is the county site of Jasper county, situated on the Gulf, Mobile & Northern railroad in the southeastern part of the state. It is on a range of limestone hills about 500 feet higher than the surrounding country. In these hills is one of the richest lime deposits in the state. There are also deposits of high grade cement rock, fire proof rock and building stone.

The town has a population of about one thousand people. It has located here the A. H. S. School. It also has a splendid grammar school, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches.

There has been installed a $150,000.00 light, water and ice plant—all the plant is thoroughly modern, with transmission facilities. These electric lines are extended north and south for a distance of ten miles and will be constructed in every direction where there can be had sufficient business to justify the expenditure. There is ample electric power for industrial development at a 3 cent rate. We have a bank that carries a deposit of a good deal over one-half million dollars.

There is a spring, from which the town gets its name. It has a splendid analysis, the water being drunk for kidney and digestive disturbances. On account of the elevation, the town is noted for its health—so healthy that, at times, it is distressing to doctors.

For ten or fifteen miles in every direction there are hundreds of thousands of acres of land on which is growing short straw pine in quantities sufficient to supply any industry for more than twenty-five years with this material. So far as this material is concerned there is ample for a large pulp mill. There are thousands of acres of cut-over land—the stumps of which are still intact, and can be bought for a nominal price.

On this cut-over land can be grown splendid crops of corn, cotton, legumes, peaches, grapes and all kinds of vegetables. This section is especially adapted to dairying, because of the short mild winters and long summers. The pastures can be kept green the year around. Better homes, screening, sanitation and education have brought about better sanitary conditions and better health, and we have left behind the dreaded diseases, malaria and typhoid fever.

Stafford Springs Hotel

Is located thirty-six miles south of Meridian on the National Highway from Gulfport to Chicago, between the two large cities of Mississippi, Meridian on the north and Laurel on the south, and a short distance from Vossburg the nearest station to the Springs, on the Southern Railroad. This resort is in a class by itself. It is located on the peak of one of Mississippi's highest hills and for this reason the atmosphere is delightful and the nights cool even in the hottest weather.

The spring made its appearance in a small ravine among the tall pines and sweet gums and no effort has ever been made to change the beauty of the setting which Nature gave it. These graceful trees surround the Hotel and it too stands out as a gem in Mississippi's great forests. As one man expressed it, "The general surroundings are unspoiled by the hand of man."

Stafford Water is known around the globe in the successful treatment of every form of kidney and bladder trouble and if you are a sufferer from such ailments, or know of any one who is thus afflicted, a few weeks stay at the Spring would be mighty beneficial as well as pleasant. It is a good thing to consult your physician on this question and get his advice.

You will find the predominating atmosphere of the Spring to be that of quietude and restfulness, and this is one of the most important factors in the treatment of all forms of kidney and bladder trouble.

Mr. J. M. Perry, the manager, of Stafford Springs is a gentleman who well understands the business he controls. He has held this position for several years and it has been through his efforts that the success and high esteem of Stafford Water has been attained. The hotel is a handsome building with ample room to take care of the guests, and there are several cottages for rent to accommodate those who wish to do housekeeping during their stay at this pleasant resort. For rates and information write The Stafford Springs Company, Stafford Springs, Mississippi.

PAULDING—Is a county seat of Jasper county, the other located at Bay Springs, there being two capitals in the county. Paulding is one of the oldest towns in that section and is surrounded by a good farming community.

About halfway between Paulding and Vossburg is one of the most unique developments in the state. Mr. K. C. Hall of Laurel is the father of this work. Way up in the hills on a large plantation that he owns there is a peculiar formation of the hills which form a valley leading out; around this range of hills there are numerous springs, which Mr. Hall has utilized in forming a chain of four lakes, with concrete dikes and walls that hold the water in such a manner that these lakes are formed with spill-ways. In the waters of the lakes he has placed several varieties of fish, but as the lakes are private property no one is allowed to fish there except the invited friends of Mr. Hall. He has built several large buildings, so that if it were necessary he could take care of from fifty to seventy-five people at a time. It has been the pleasure of the writer to visit these lakes several times as the guest of Mr. Hall or Major Archie McCormick. It would be hard to accurately describe the beauty of the place. One must see it to appreciate the great work that Mr. Hall has done.

Smith County

SMITH county is bounded on the north by Scott, on the east by Jasper, on the south by Covington and Jones on the west by Simpson and Rankin counties. There are three towns in the county of over four hundred population: Raleigh, the county seat; Mize and Taylorville, the latter being the largest. The principal business interests are growing cotton and the manufacture of lumber. Yet, during the past few years diversified farming and the raising of fruit has been indulged in and these interests are growing. It is also becoming

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W. H. MADDOX, Jackson, Miss.---Vice-President and General Manager of the Southern Outdoor Advertising Company, Inc., operating this class of advertising in all parts of Mississippi. For fifteen years Mr. Maddox has been in the advertising buiness, a part of the time on newspapers. After studying what he considers the best form of advertising that brings the advertiser results he decided outdoor advertising to be the best and three years ago he organized the Southern Outdoor Advertising Company, a company incorporated under the laws of the state of Mississippi with ample capital to efficiently conduct the business. In the selecting of real advertising there are three things to be taken into consideration; the first is to write and display what the advertiser wants to say in an attractive manner so that it will attract attention. Following that the advertising must be of such a nature that it will interest the one who seees it. Then the greater of the three points is "How long will it work" for the advertiser?---that he gets his money's worth in actual work the same as if he was hiring a man to do a piece of work. It is entirely logical to believe that "outdoor" advertising fills all these requirements, and that Mr. Maddox thoroughly understands what will attract attention and give his advertiser that class. He also understands what will interest, and he knows as all people do that the "outdoor" advertising works all the time, which is fully demonstrated through the many "Billboards" that are owned and controlled by this company in all parts of the state. These advertisements are read by many thousands of people and you do not have to turn the pages of a magazine or newspaper to find them. At the present time the company have interests at Vicksburg, Forest, Grenada, Jackson, Laurel, Yazoo City, Biloxi, Brookhaven, Hazlehurst, Meridian, Hattiesburg, Gulfport, Charleston, and Crystal Springs, and this number of cities and towns are being added to all the time. Mr. Maddox is a native of Georgia, and is a graduate of Georgia Tech. He was for a time connected with the Atlanta Constitution and several other papers. When he came to Jackson he was with the Jackson News, up to the time he organized his company in the early part of 1925, which has grown under his guiding hand so that it now covers the state in its work. Mr. Maddox is married and the father of two children, a boy and a girl. He is very much interested in reforestration work, dairying and diversified farming and all progressive measures for civic improvement. In the social life of Jackson he is a member of the K. of P. and the Exchange Club.

JOHN W. GARRETT, Jackson, Miss.---General Contractor. In any progressive community there is no one who holds a higher position in all progressive movements than the general contractor. He is the "builder," the architect supplies the plans and specifications, but the general contractor does the actual work of building, no mater whether it is a private residence, a commercial business block of stores, or the larger public building. To do this right the contractor must understand his business. He must understand it so well that when the inspector comes around there will be no "kicks" to be made. He must be such a man if he is successful in his work. In this instance we write of a man who thoroughly knows his business, Mr. John W. Garrett, who has built many of the better and more substantial structures in the state and in the surrounding states for that matter. Mr. Garrett is one of Jackson's native sons, and has been permanently located here for the past thirty years. He worked for the Enochs Factory for years and seven years he has been working alone, and has built many handsome buildings of all classes, among which are several that are a monument to his ability as one of the foremost constructors and builders of the state. Mr. Garrett received his education in the schools of the city, and all of his life has been closely identified with the city's life and activities. In 1917 he was married and has one child, a girl. In social and fraternal circles he is a member of the Masonic bodies, and active in the work of the local Chamber of Commerce and very much interested in Jackson and Hinds county development. As a monument to the business ability of Mr. Garrett is the showing that the volume of business done by him during the past four years amounts to one-fourth of a million dollars annually. This also shows the confidence that the people have in him as a master workman and his ability to finish and finish according to plans supplied him anything he undertakes. He is a man of the highest integrity, always courteous and obliging, which are characteristics that have made him many personal friends in all walks of life.

RAY WRIGHT, Jackson, Miss.---President and General Manager of the Ray Wright Sheet Metal and Tile Works, located on South West Street and the A. & V. Railroad, where it is convenient for shipping so that a good service can be given customers. The attention of this company is given in the supplying of specialties on buildings in Jackson and the Jackson trade territory. Although the company go anywhere in the state for new contract work, being in position at all times to give estimates on anything to be done in this line of business. Mr. Wright was educated in the schools of Eastern Ohio, coming to Jackson some twenty-three years ago, and has conducted successfully this business since coming here. There is nothing that places a building on a higher plane and to enhance its beauty as much as the way it is trimmed, be it on the inside or the exterior. This is what this company does, puts on the beauty touches as well as make it more durable. In the walks of Jackson's life he holds a position as a business man and active in its social and civic life. Mr. Wright is a member of the Odd Fellows and K. of P.

CHARLES C. KOENEMAN, Jackson, Miss.---President of the Koeneman Electric Company, one of the largest establishments carrying electrical supplies and installing electrical apparatus in this part of the South. Mr. Koeneman is a native of Illinois where he received his education. For twenty years he has been in this business, commencing when 21 years of age, when he went to St. Paul, Ill., and entered the electrical field. In 1909 he founded a company, known as the E. A. Koeneman Company, of which he was vice-president. This company is still doing business. In 1921 it was awarded the contract for the electrical work in the Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Magee, Miss., and Mr. Koeneman came to Mississippi to supervise this work. He was so strongly impressed with the possibilities in the state he decided to make Mississippi his permanent home and opened up his present business in Jackson, which he has built up to one of the largest in the state, if not the largest. In the life of Jackson Mr. Koeneman has become a prominent person, taking an advanced position in the social and civic activities of the city and is a member of the Masonic Orders, a Kiwanian and a member of the Jackson Chamber of Commerce.

N. H. WRIGHT, Jackson, Miss.---General Manager of the Wright Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, operating one of the largest and best equipped plants of the character in the state. Mr. Wright was born in Lexington, Miss., but came to Jackson when a small child, receiving his education in the public schools of the city. He was for a time employed in railroad work, and was with the Buckeye Cotton Oil Company. In November, 1915, he formed the Wright Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, and was the first to introduce family washing work in the city. From a comparatively small beginning Mr. Wright has built up the business until today it is one of the largest and best operated plants in the state. As a citizen of Jackson he holds a position of merit as a business man of integrity and one that believes in his home community and willing to assist in its progressive march to be one of the best cities in the South. In the social life of the city Mr. Wright is active and a member of the local Exchange Club.

WILLIAM K. RITCHIE, Jackson, Miss.---Dealer in Real Estate and a worker for the upbuilding of Mississippi. Mr. Ritchie was born in Enterprise, Mississippi and it was in the common schools of that community that he got his education. For the past five years he has been in the real estate business, for two years in McComb, where he had charge of putting on the market several thousand acres of the Lampton lands in George county. Three years ago he moved to Jackson, where he opened his offices, handling all classes of real estate in which he has been successful, having put over some large deals to the satisfaction of both buyer and seller. Mr. Ritchie can well be called a true Mississippian, for there has never been a time when he was not ready to give his assistance to a project that would be to the good of his state and the community in which he lives. He is enterprising and a hustler; in other words, Mr. Ritchie is a "go-getter" in business and in his progressive thought for better things to come. In social and fraternal circles he takes an active place and is a member of the Masonic Order, K. of P., and a worker in the Baptist church. In his business life he is an honest dealer and stands high among his associates and friends.

HERBERT O. ALLEN, McComb, Miss.---Manager of the McComb Lumber Company, one of the largest industries of McComb, and one that is supplying the lumber and building material for this section. Mr. Allen is a native son of Pike county and has lived in the county all of his life, spending much time in the lumber business, which he understands in all of its many branches. His education was gained in the schools of the county, and at the A. and M. College. Five years ago he came to McComb to locate and assisted in the promotion of this business enterprise, which, under his management has grown from a small beginning to one of the largest in this section. The plant is conveniently located alongside of the I. C. Railroad tracks, with which it is connected by switches. The best of machinery has been installed and a large business is enjoyed. Mr. Allen takes an advanced position in those matters that help to promote the upbuilding of his home community. He is a member of the Masons, K. of P. and W. O. W.

JOSEPH E. GIBSON, McComb, Miss.---Superintendent of the McComb City Schools since 1920 and is in the front rank of the educators of Mississippi. Mr. Gibson was born at West Point, Mississippi and was educated in the West Point public schools and in the Booneville High School, University of Mississippi and Columbia University, receiving his B. A. degree in the University of Mississippi in 1913, and his M. A. degree from Columbia University in 1927. In educational affairs of the state he takes a prominent part, being associate editor of the Mississippi Educational Advance and a prominent member of the Mississippi Education Association. In civic and social life of McComb and the state Mr. Gibson is past state president of the Mississippi Affiliated Exchange Clubs, past president and an active member of the McComb Exchange Club, and a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Commandery and the Shrine.

quite a large poultry raising community, and dairying is getting a foothold and promises to become larger.

Across the northern part of the county there is considerable mineral wealth in limestone for the manufacture of cement, building stone and marl, in the central and southern parts of the county are found firebrick clays, ochres and paint pigments, building, moulding and glass sands, gravel and building stones. These minerals have not been developed to any extent but there are possibilities that they will be.

RALEIGH—The county seat, is a thriving small town, with several mercantile establishments, a strong bank, garages and service stations. There are good roads radiating in all directions, giving the town an excellent outlet to markets.

MIZE—In the south central part of the county is on the line of the Laurel branch of the Gulf & Ship Island railroad. There is a bank with ample resources to take care of the financial business of the community, and the mercantile establishments are sufficient in character to give the people of that section good service.

TAYLORSVILLE—Is the largest town in the county and is located in the southeast part of the county. The Laurel branch of the G. & S. I. railroad passes through the town and that combined with the good roads give the town ample marketing facilities. The Smith county agricultural high school is located at Taylorsville, the school system being of the best throughout the county. The banking interests of Taylorsville and its surrounding trade territory are well taken care of by the Taylorsville Bank, a leading financial institution of that part of the state. The business houses are modern in their lines of trade, some of which would do credit to a much larger community.

Simpson County

WITH the gradual but certain depletion of its great pine forest, Simpson county is meeting the problem now being faced by many other counties of South Mississippi—the necessity of creating new values to fill the void caused by the removal of her timber. A definite plan to this end includes the development of newly cutover lands, a better production on lands already developed, diversification, land settlement, and the introduction of new industries.

Enjoying a wonderful climate, Simpson county is a healthy and pleasant place in which to live. Within its bounds is the modern State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, this site having been chosen as the ideal location for such an institution, after careful study and investigation of health conditions throughout the state.

Her people are hospitable, here is virgin soil, good lands may be purchased at moderate prices, and there is held out to all who are worthy the opportunity to "Grow with Simpson."

Like a vast gold mine, scarcely touched by pick or shovel, this section awaits that development which will bring home prosperity and happiness to thousands.

MENDENHALL—Is the capital of Simpson county and is one of the progressive towns along the line of the G. & S. I. railroad (Illinois Central). Here is located the Simpson County Agricultural High School and the city schools take a leading part in the educational system in that section. There is one bank which takes care of the financial interests of the community, and the mercantile houses are of the highest order in their special trade. The motoring interests are taken care of by several service stations the leader being the Freeman Station. The Simpson County News is one of the leading papers of South Mississippi, and Mendenhall can boast of a citizenship that has the ambition to build bigger and better.

D'LO—To a large extent is a manufacturing center, the large mills of the Finkbine Lumber Company being located here. It is also a large mercantile center and the marketing place for a rich surrounding community.

The schools are of the highest standard, and housed in substantial and handsome buildings. The banking facilities are of the best in the Guaranty Bank, under the management of men who believe in their community and are workers for its advancement.

D'Lo is located on the line of the G. & S. I. Railroad (Illinois Central) and on the Federal Highway from Jackson to Gulfport, one of the best highways in the state.

The lands in the surrounding territory are fertile and diversified farming is strongly practiced, covering trucking and fruit growing. It is also beginning to be a dairy section.

MAGEE—Is located in the southern part of the county and is one of the fastest growing towns on the line of the G. & S. I. railroad (Illinois Central) and is located forty-two miles south of Jackson and forty-eight miles north of Hattiesburg, in a beautiful, high, dry, reasonably level country, free from swamps, lakes, and low, marshy lands, with short, mild winters, early, warm springs, pleasant summers and late falls, extending almost to Christmas. The most fertile hill lands in all the South extend for miles in every direction, with the purest freestone water in the world.

Mississippi's Tuberculosis Sanatorium, a State Institution, and the greatest institution of its kind doubtless in the world, is located within two miles of Magee. Hundreds of patients are successfully treated at this institution every year, and besides, it has a splendid organized system of disseminating information as to how to prevent and treat this disease, as well as other health rules that are of vast benefit to the citizens of this community and state. This institution was located at this point because of the unsurpassed health advantages that this country affords in the way of short, mild winters, beautiful springs, summers and falls, pure freestone water, and favorable altitude, which all go to make an ideal location for one of the world's greatest health institutions. This great sanatorium is under the supervision of Dr. Henry Boswell, a gentleman skilled in this work.

This town has a population of about one thousand native-born citizens, who believe in state, church and school, and foster all these institutions in a great way. By organizing and building several splendid churches and an up-to-date affiliated public school that is second to none in the country, this town has splendid opportunities for progress and development. It has splendid graded and graveled streets and sidewalks, light and water.

Copiah County

COPIAH county is the hub of the trucking district of Mississippi, in fact the people of this section are so busy growing tomatoes and other truck that they have forgotten cotton almost and it is one of the most progressive sections of the state. The people talk big things and do big things. If they want a new church costing upward of fifty thousand dollars, they go ahead and build it. If they want public improvement they get it. The people there make money and the best is none too good for them. From the different shipping points in the county there are from four to seven thousand car loads shipped to the markets of the country and it is not out of the ordinary to see solid trainloads of truck shipped out once and sometimes twice a day, as fast as the cars

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Madison County

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For Colored Youth

Founded in

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Total Enrollment (1926-27) 470

COLLEGE DEPARTMENT: (71 Pupils)

Four-year Course graduates earn degree of A. B.
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State Teachers' Licenses.
Students may elect Piano and Voice Culture.

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Gives good foundation education.
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Offers Piano Music and Voice Culture as electives.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:

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TOUGALOO COLLEGE AIMS:

1. To offer to graduates of Mississippi Colored High Schools a College education at moderate cost within their own state.
2. To help train teachers and principals for Mississippi's increasing number of Rosenwald Rural Schools and City Colored High Schools.
3. To lay educational foundations for productive good citizenship.

can be iced, and is the largest shipping point of fruit and vegetables in the south. This business is well taken care of by the Illinois Central Railroad which passes through the county from north and south.

HAZLEHURST—Is the county seat and a progressive city with two banks, several representative business houses and there are quite a number of manufacturing plants.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS—Is the largest shipping point and one of the best and most progressive cities in the state with a citizenship that has a standard all its own. Here is where the growing of vegetables and fruit was inaugurated on a small scale as an experiment by F. M. Brewer about 1874, and which has developed and grown until today the city and community takes first place. This shipment of vast quantities of produce is practically made in sixty days during May and June. During this time the town is in a constant turmoil; men who at any other time would talk to you by the hour on the topics of the day scarcely take time to say "Good-day." The man who has done more for the vegetable industry than any other man in the south is A. Lotterhos who has been the constant friend and advisor of the grower and who has seen his own business grow from a that of a small bakery to that of the largest shipper of tomatoes in the world and whose interest today embraces banking houses, wholesale groceries, fertilizer plants and general merchandise and no man stands higher in the community than does A. Lotterhos, the President, and C. M. Huber, Vice President of the big firm of Lotterhos & Huber Co. In recent years the most stalwart friend of the grower has been L. M. Dampeer, President of the Crystal Springs Bank who has stood squarely behind the worthy grower and vegetable industry with the funds of his strong banking institution and in this way has aided materially in the splendid development of the town and surrounding country.

The great Mississippi Delta may have its advantages but Crystal Springs offers more opportunities for the homeseeker, the year round than any community in the south.

Crystal Springs in a way is considerable of a manufacturing city, several plants being located there among which is the Crystal Springs Manufacturing Company, manufacturing veneer and boxes. The Planters Package Company in the same business, both having a large business.

Jefferson County and Fayette

THE spirit of the "New South" has brought to the people of this section opportunities rarely enjoyed. Fayette is the trading center of the county as well as the social and educational center; the community bids fair to become one of the most important trucking sections in the South, a position that it has already achieved in the state. Tomatoes are the leading crop but cabbage, carrots, peas, turnips and other truck is grown. Fruit, berries and grapes are also grown.

During the past few years the people have turned their attention to dairying and this business promises to become one of the largest industries.

Fayette as a business and trading point is a progressive and growing small city with many conveniences that would do credit to a much larger place. Two strong banks form the background of the financial interests of the community. There are two modern cotton gins, corn and feed mills, a good hotel, lumber yards, motion picture shows and several modern department stores. Churches of five denominations are well established, and with the excellent high schoo and fraternal and social organizations the civic life of the community is one of the finest.

UNION CHURCH—Is the ocation of the Jefferson county agricultural high school. For years Union Church has been known as a seat of culture and refinement this being one of the contributing causes for the location of the county school at this point. The school is the culmination of a splendid system of consolidated schools that furnish educational advantages for the entire county.

LORMAN—Is another of the live-wire towns in the county, around which general farming conditions prevail through the gospel of diversification the farmers of the community are coming into their own. Pecan groves here and in other parts of the county form an excellent source of revenue.

Claiborne County and Port Gibson

CLAIBORNE county is another of the counties of southwest Mississippi that is forging ahead in its agricultural, horticultural and trucking activities, and in this work results are manifested. The soils of that section are of a nature that they will produce what is planted and given the proper care. There is also mineral wealth in the county; in the eastern part there is brick clay, ochres and paint pigments, building, moulding and glass sands, gravel and building stone. In the western part of the county the soils are a loess and clay loam, and there are large deposits of fuller's earth. Like in Jefferson county a great deal of trucking is being done and the dairying interests are growing in importance.

PORT GIBSON—If we were to write history there is no city that can furnish more historical data than Port Gibson, but as it is Mississippi, her industries and opportunities of today that we are writing about, we will have to leave the past of this progressive city to the historian to write. Port Gibson has many advantages for development. She has a well-advanced agricultural territory and good transportation facilities in the Y. & M. V. railroad, and good roads reaching in all directions, that are used all of the year. Being the county seat of Claiborne county it is the principal marketing center for a large territory reaching out much further than the confines of the county. Her educational advantages are exceptional in their work, the Port Gibson high school being one of the best in the state.

Chamberlain-Hunt Military Academy

PORT GIBSON is the home of the Chamberlain-Hunt Military Academy, a school of the highest military training and educational advantages in the South. It is located in the high hills of south central Mississippi, free from malaria, and in a cultured school community, away from the temptations of the city. The moral influence is unsurpassed, and the faculty are college men. Three years ago a new one hundred thousand dollar building was completed.

VIEWS OF SOME OF THE BUILDINGS

It would be hard to tell the whole story of this school without giving a short history of origin, so we take the liberty to reproduce a short sketch that is taken from a paper prepared by one of its patrons:

"In one of the most beautiful sections of the South, among the sweeping green hills and broad, umbrageous parks of Claiborne county, in the southwestern part of Mississippi, stood for years one of the most famous seats of learning in our Gulf states. This was Oakland College, the Alma Mater of many of the most prominent statesmen, jurists and divines now living in Louisiana and Mississippi. During a long era of sectional prosperity before the war, this college was celebrated throughout the entire South. When the irrepressible conflict commenced, its professors and students took four years' vacation, leaving their rules and books for a temporary diversion with rifles and bayonets. The former assiduous votaries of Minerva rapidly became ardent followers of Mars. Many of the Alumni of Old Oakland fell asleep in the broad bivouac of the dead which stretches under the sky from the Potomac to the distant borders of the Rio Grande.

"After the war no great effort was made to re-establish the institution in its locality. Death had apparently disorganized the directory, and the general destruction of property of those engaged in the conflict had sadly diminished the revenues of the college. Twenty-three years ago the grounds, buildings and properties of the college were purchased by the state from the Synod of Mississippi. The proceeds of this sale were devoted to founding and endowing a new institution, which was to be made a worthy successor to Oakland.

"There was considerable competition among the cities and towns of this state in endeavoring to secure for themselves the site of the new school. Port Gibson manifestly offered the greatest inducements, and was accordingly chosen for its location.

"The school was chartered anew by the legislature under the name of Chamberlain-Hunt Academy, in honor of the memory of the first president and of the founder of the Oakland College, namely, Jeremiah Chamberlain, D.D., and David Hunt."

The Academy was opened in 1879, and has been running continuously and successfully since. Its graduates have entered every university in the South with credit. They are today filling positions of honor and trust wherever found. There must be more than ordinary merit about an institution that can operate so long and produce such splendid types of manhood as are found in the graduates of this school.

Warren County and Vicksburg

WARREN county is bounded on the north by Issaquena county, on the east by Yazoo and Hinds, on the south by Claiborne county, and on the west by the Mississippi river, and is one of the best counties in the state as well as being populated by a class of people that are builders all the time. Agriculture, horticulture and the growing of vegetables are the leading interests with the exception of cotton, which is the leading crop. Dairying has been for several years one of the interests of the county and that business is growing.

VICKSBURG—Is the county seat and one of the old historical cities of the state. The National Park is located just outside of the city line and is one of the beauty spots of Mississippi where thousands of people visit annually. The larger part of the city is built on a hill, which slopes to the water front of the "Father of Waters," along which dockage and facilities have been built for river transportation and this is one of the big assets of the city. Along the water front are located the many wholesale houses which are the largest and most representative in wholesale trade in the state. Railroad transportation is supplied by the "Vicksburg Route" of the Alabama & Vicksburg railroad. The Yazoo & Mississippi Valley railroad is another line that passes through the city, running north and south; both of these roads give Vicksburg excellent service in all directions, and they, combined with the transportation by water, give the city a most advantageous position in its commerce. There are a large number of retail houses that are representative in their business relations with the people of their trade territory. There are three banks that are rated among the strongest and best in the state, and several good hotels. The streets are well paved, and the schools are rated of the highest standard in educational circles.

Hinds County and Jackson

HINDS county is located in the west central part of the state and is third to the largest county in the state, having 858 square miles, Bolivar and Yazoo counties being the two counties that are larger. It is bounded on the north by Yazoo and Madison counties, on the east by Madison and Rankin, on the south by Copiah, and on the west by Claiborne and Warren counties. There are several cities and towns in the county, the largest being Jackson, one of the county seats of the county and also

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CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI

the Capital of the state: the towns are Raymond, Utica, Clinton, Bolton, Edwards, Terry, and several communities that are representative in their particular place in the life of the county.

In the northern part of the county there are large deposits of what is designated as "Vicksburg limestone," valuable in particular for the manufacture of cement, but this deposit of mineral wealth has never been developed and is an opportunity waiting for man to go to work.

The larger part of the county is devoted to agriculture, horticulture, vegetables and all kinds of truck growing. Dairying is also a prominent factor in the county's wealth. Probably there has been more development work done along these lines than in any other county in the state as far as acreage of land is concerned. There is no crop hardly that is not being raised. The best of highbred cattle roam over the pastures of the county, where the best of feed grows profusely. Another interest that has been built up during the past few years is that of poultry and several of the best and largest poultry farms are located there, in or near the towns where marketing facilities can be had. All roads leading out of Jackson are paved to the county lines of the counties bordering on Hinds county, there being more rural paved roads than in any other county in the state, with possibly the exception of Harrison county, on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

LAMPTON BUILDING---JACKSON

For the farmer, the trucker, the horticulturist, the dairyman, and the poultryman there is no better place in the country. The best of transportation is supplied and that means good markets, and good production and good markets means success and wealth.

JACKSON—The capital of Mississippi, is also the metropolis of the state. There is a dispute between Jackson and Meridian regarding this but as both claim the distinction, it is best for us to be neutral and say that both are the metropolis.

During the past four or five years the city has taken on a wonderful growth in the establishment of manufacturing plants, headquarters for the distribution of commodities that are manufactured here and elsewhere. There has been great improvement in the streets of the city through paving a great many of them, until today there are a very few of the main streets of the city that are not paved.

Many large buildings have been built, buildings that the people of Jackson can well be proud of. Many new industrial and manufacturing plants have been built. The paving of the roads from Jackson to the Madison county line, from Jackson to the Warren county line, from Jackson to the Claiborne county line, and from Jackson to the Copiah county line, amounts to considerably over one hundred miles of paved roads. The retail mercantile houses are equal to those in any city in the land. Jackson enjoys a unique trade territory, being from one hundred and fifty to two hundred miles from any of the large cities in the surrounding states. It being one of the largest cities, therefore in all of this trade territory, naturally attracts business from many miles distant. Jackson is very accessible, having ten railroads that reach every section of this state and extend into adjacent states. It is particularly fortunate in having at its service two trunk lines that furnish the best of railroad facilities, both in freight and passenger service. The fact that Jackson has over forty passenger trains a day has made it convenient headquarters for something over three hundred traveling men that represent goods manufactured in this city and elsewhere.

The fact that Jackson is the capital city and centrally located has naturally brought to it many large organizations which maintain large offices and employ many people. Chief among these are the Cumberland Telephone people, the Standard Oil Company, the Mississippi Farm Bureau Cotton Association, three domestic insurance companies, many district and state insurance offices and all the state and federal offices. It can readily be seen that this furnishes a fixed payroll that is not affected by drought or general business conditions.

Jackson's educational institutions contribute largely to it's growth and prosperity. The city is properly termed an educational center for of the four standard A-grade colleges in Mississippi, Hinds county in which Jackson is located, has two. Millsaps College, a co-educational institution, is located in the city and Mississippi College for men at Clinton, only eight miles distant over a concrete boulevard. Of the two standard junior colleges in the state, Hinds county has one, Hillman College at Clinton. Belhaven College for young women and located in Jackson is now launching a campaign for an endowment which will enable this institution to qualify as a standard A-grade college. At Raymond, ten miles from Jackson, is one of the best agricultural high schools in the entire state. St. Joseph's Academy, established in 1870, has been in continuous operation, its graduates being recognized by this state and large educational institutions. It should be noted also that Jackson's splendid system of public schools attracts many people to this city for the purpose of superior training in the grades and it is conservatively estimated that thousands of people have moved to this city for the purpose of educating their children from the primary department to the bachelor degree from our colleges. Two state schools for the deaf, dumb and blind are also located here. Jackson may well be called the "Athens" of Mississippi and south central states. Few cities excel her in educational and cultural advantages. There is an attendance upon all of these schools above and beyond the high school from fifteen hundred to two thousand pupils. The purchasing power of this combined student body is no small item in the business life of the city. The combined purchasing power of the faculty is also a steady and fixed income.

Closely allied with its educational and cultural life is its religious activity and atmosphere. Jackson may well be called a church-going city for out of a population of 33,456, 11,500 are church members. It is not necessary even to suggest that this large church membership has paid great attention to the erection and equipment of churches and Sunday-school buildings.

It is far from the intention of the writer to speak disparagingly of old age but anyone who would come to this city and become acquainted with its business officials would be impressed with the fact that the business of Jackson in the main today is handled by comparatively young men. Even her banking institutions are in charge of comparatively young men. This youthful vigor in business has been a mighty factor in the ongoing of this city. These men have ever had a forward look and have been bold in their efforts to provide the best and most up-to-date for this city. Jackson is practically free from the unprogressive element that would impede progress, a striking proof of which is the fact that no bond issue for schools, streets, roads or municipal government generally has ever been defeated. This is not alone due to the fact that her movements and campaigns have been carefully weighed and wisely planned.

RAYMOND AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR COLLEGE

Rankin County

IS bounded on the north by Madison county, on the east by Scott and Smith, on the south by Simpson and on the west by Hinds county, the Pearl river being the dividing line between Rankin and Hinds and between Rankin and Madison. The largest town in the county is Pelahatchie, which is a lumber town, several sawmills being located there. It is also the marketing place for a rich surrounding country which is well developed in trucking and fruit, although cotton is the leading crop.

Brandon is the county seat and the county has a handsome courthouse that was built about three years ago after the old one burned. There are several commercial houses, a bank, and a newspaper.

In the southeastern part of the county is another town of importance, Florence, a well-regulated town with a progressive citizenship. It is considerable of a school town, the Steen Creek consolidated school being located there. This is one of the best-known schools in the state on account of the record made by its basketball team both at home and at Chicago, as well as its high rating as an educational institution. It may be of interest for us to give the names of the players and the schedule of games played by the team, all of them being pupils of the school. The players last year were: Rodney Berry, Henry Long, Alexander Rogers, Aldan Swindler, Ira Stuckey, James Taylor, John Whitfield and Herman Wallace. Robert Berry was the manager and Eugene Berry, coach; the latter two are graduates of the Simpson County Agricultural High School and Mississippi College.

The schedule of games played by this team are: Florence 40, Braxton 19; Florence 16, Monticello 13; Florence 28, Utica 9; Florence 31, Utica 18; Florence 24, Monticello 14; Florence 24, New Hebron 18; Florence 45, Clinton 6; Florence 17, New Hebron 13; Florence 15, D'Lo 20; Florence 38, Vicksburg 24; Florence 31, Simpson County A. H. S. 7; Florence 29, D'Lo 16; Florence 31, Pinola 11; Florence 26, Clinton 14; Florence 27, Magee 8; Florence 50, Madison, 4; Florence 50, Canton 12; Florence 24, D'Lo 6; Florence 33, Simpson County A. H. S. 8.

In the southern half of regional conference the games resulted as follows: Florence 36, Magee 11; Florence 22, Terry 15; Florence 15, D'Lo 14.

Regional conference games: Florence 38, Yazoo City 19; Florence 24, Vicksburg 23.

State tournament: Florence 16, Gulfport 15; Florence 26, Tremont 8; Florence 24, Scott County A. H. S. 16; Florence 17, Jones County A. H. S. 16.

National tournament at Chicago, Ill.: Florence 22, South High, Miss., 17; Florence 28, Bristol, Conn., 17; Florence 18, Norfolk, Va., 14; Florence 20, Cicero, Ill., 28; Florence 19, Huron, S. Dak., 16.

BASKETBALL TEAM

The team winning third place in the National tournament. The team won the state championship in 1923, and was the first basketball team to go from this state to a National tournament. There have been from one to seven players on college teams each year for the past ten years that have gone out from this school.

Some of Mississippi's leading educators have been at one time superintendent of this institution, among whom are the late Governor Henry L. Whitfield, W. N. Taylor, now secretary of the Mississippi Educational Association, and a member of the state senate representing Hinds county; and George Hurst, head of the department of education at the State Teachers' College, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Scott Couny

SCOTT county is located in the middle Mississippi prairie belt and covers 382,080 acres of the most fertile land in that region, the appraised value being over five millions of dollars. It has nearly three hundred thousand acres in farms, a little less than one hundred thousand improved; practically 85 per cent of this property owned by white people, all of whom are native Americans.

There are in Scott county five banks with combined assets of upward of three million.

Education takes a prominent place in the life of Scott county. All of the schools are of the consolidated class, and the school buildings are practically all new, the equipment the best and the teachers are efficient in their work. The pupils are conveyed to school in trucks. One of the best agricultural high schools in the state is located at Harpersville and there are three A-1 high schools, one each at Lake, Forest and Morton. Cotton is the chief agricultural industry. About three hundred thousand dollars worth of cotton and fifteen thousand dollars worth of seed are marketed and shipped from here annually. The dairy products and beef cattle shipped runs into big money in value.

The Sunset Hill Poultry Farm near Lake is one of the largest in the state. It is ideally located and fitted with the last word in an industry of this character.

The leading industries of the county are farming and lumbering. There are three large mills located at Morton, Forest and Lake, which have a combined production of one hundred million feet of lumber annually.

Newton County

NEWTON county is one of the very best counties in central Mississippi. It is rich in agriculture, its lands producing just what is wanted of them. Cotton is the largest industry, but diversification of crops has set in and cotton is not exactly "King" any more. Cattle and poultry are leading industries as is the raising of hogs, there being many herds of fine cattle forming in many sections of the county, which is fast building up larger dairying interests. The poultry farms and hatcheries are also taking a prominent part in the advancement of the county. There are five good towns in Newton county:

NEWTON—The metropolis, is a progressive town. There are two strong banks, a weekly newspaper that is one of the best in the state. The mercantile interests are of the highest order and the lines of stock carried are equal to those in any of the larger stores of the big cities. The school system is perfect in its work and able educators are in charge. Clarke College is also located at Newton. It is the junction of the G. M. & N. railroad and the Alabama & Vicksburg railroad.

DECATUR—Is the county seat and the home of the Newton County agricultural high school. There is a strong and progressive bank and several mercantile establishments that take care of the Decatur trade territory, which is a rich and prosperous one.

UNION—Is the center of a fertile agricultural district, and of a district rich in pine and hardwood timber. The climate is mild and delightful, uniformly healthful, with a law abiding, industrious, energetic and progressive population. Its progress has been rapid, substantial and permanent, in business, industry, schools, churches and fraternal institutions.

Agriculturally there is splendid opportunity, the land being easily cultivated, verey productive and responsive to cultivation. Its productivity is varied and wonderful. It is the home of cotton. An acre of the land can be made to produce as much corn as any acre in Iowa or Illinois. It is low priced, but highly productive. Cabbage, potatoes, beans, strawberries, tomatoes and practically all products have been proven practicable, as well as melons, peaches, grapes, other fruits of various kinds, and nuts, especially the profitable pecan.

There are two banks, representative business houses, sawmills and good hotels and large wholesale houses.

HICKORY—Is located in the eastern part of Newton county and is one of the fastest growing small towns in that part of the state. It is surrounded by a rich agricultural territory, cotton being the larger crop, although the farmers are learning that there are other things that will grow on the lands of that community. The mercantile houses are most representative. A new block of stores have been built during the past two years. There is a strong and ably managed bank with ample capital to take care of the needs of the town's trade territory. The schools and churches are typical of a progressive town where men and women of religious characteristics make up the population.

Lauderdale County

DURING the past few years the population of Lauderdale county has grown, until today there is probably more than forty-five thousand population outside of the city of Meridian. There are over three thousand farms in the county, stocked with upward of five thousand head of dairy cattle, oven ten thousand head of beef cattle; twenty-six thousand hogs; two hundred and fifty thousand chickens, and there are sixteen rural consolidated schools.

The soil of the county ranges from a silt loam to a sand type, with many variations. It warms up early in the spring and with proper fertilization and cultivation is capable of high production.

The county maintains a county agent to work among the farmers, the boys and the girls. Wonderful progress has been made through these agencies. Considerably over five hundred boys are enrolled in the corn, potato, calf, and pig clubs of the county.

Excellent conditions prevail for dairying and for the raising of beef cattle. Conditions for raising hogs are considered practically ideal, and the cost ranks with the minimum.

Co-operative marketing has been well advanced and the farmers are realizing more and more for their crops.

Lauderdale county is regarded among the most progressive in its farming operations, and it offers a wide diversity of crops and long growing seasons.

Lauderdale is one of the central eastern counties bordering on Alabama; its area is seven hundred and eight square miles, or 453,120 acres.

More than one hundred different crops have been grown successfully in Lauderdale county, including the southern major crops, as cotton, corn, sweet potatoes, sugar cane, peanuts, peas, watermelons, strawberries, and various other vegetables. Fruits are also raised to advantage.

Land prices range from ten to seventy-five dollars an acre, depnding on the location.

MERIDIAN—Is the metropolis of the county and is also called the metropolis of Mississippi and has a population around thirty-five thousand, and has a trade territory of over two hundred and fifty thousand within a radius of fifty miles. It is a large manufacturing city, and is probably the largest wholesale center in the state. It has six railroads with forty-six passenger trains daily. More than two million passengers annually pass through its union station.

It is a modern city operated under modern methods. The stores are metropolitan in character, there being several large department stores that would do credit to a city of one hundred thousand population. The schools are of the higher class with an enrollment of over six thousand; there are also a number of private schools of high worth.

Meridian is a city of homes. It has lovely streets and many handsome residences. The moral tone of its citizenship is very high and there is a great deal of civic activity. A number of women's organizations add to the city's growth, culture and refinement.

Its churches rank with the finest to be found in any city of similar size. A public library offers 20,000 volumes to the reading public, and this is one of the best institutions of its kind in the South.

In addition to the Chamber of Commerce, there are four luncheon clubs which give their assistance to movements which are intended to promote community welfare. These are the Rotary, Exchange, Kiwanis and Lions, all in healthy state. There are also several Masonic and Pythian clubs, while most of the important fraternal organizations have strong membership.

Neshoba County

IN THE wealth of Mississippi there is no county that takes a more advanced position than Neshoba county, for the county not only has wealth in agriculture and horticulture and kindred things that mother earth grows, but there is mineral wealth in the county ready for development. In the southern part of the county there is ballast, road-building material, iron and fuller's earth. In the northeastern part of the county there is lignite, fullers earth, moulder's and glass sand, pottery and fireclay, bauxite, iron, bauxite refractories.

A MISSISSIPPI OAT FIELD

The largest interests of the county are agricultural pursuits along all lines; lumbering is still a big industry. Dairying is fast becoming a leader in the development of the community for the county is well fitted for this business in its productive energy.

PHILADELPHIA—Is the largest city and is the county seat. The banking interests are well taken care of by the Citizens' Bank, and the representative business houses take care of the trade that comes from the surrounding section. It is a marketing center where cotton is purchased and cash paid for it; where other commodities are taken care of so that the producer finds a ready market for his products.

There is a good hotel, operated in such a manner that the guests are assured of service in all departments. A modern picture house is an attraction. The streets are well paved, there is a weekly newspaper, well edited and an asset to the community. The schools are of the A-1 class, presided over by learned educators and executives. Neshoba county is a good county and Philadelphia is a good city in which to live.

Kemper County

KEMPER county is rich in its natural resources, especially is this true of the eastern part of the county. DeKalb is the county seat and is one of the old towns of the state. There is a good bank located there and the town is surrounded by a rich and prosperous farming community.

Scooba, the largest town in the county, is located on the Mobile & Ohio railroad. The rich farm lands of the east Mississippi prairie belt are found lying east of the town, one of the most productive sections of the state. The lands of this section are adapted to the growing of alfalfa, melilotus, other clovers and grasses and is one of the best dairying sections of the state. In fact this section from Scooba north is the most highly developed part of the state in the dairy industry.

On the west of Scooba we find a fertile sandy loam soil which is well suited to the growing of fruits and vegetables. Kemper county was among the first in the state to establish an agricultural high school.

The principal industries of the community are farming and lumbering. One of the largest lumber plants in the state, the Sumter Lumber Co., is located at Electric Mills. The town has two banks, giving accommodation to the town and county.

Good graveled roads lead through the town connecting with points north and south, east and west.

Leake County

LEAKE county is growing in development work. The southern part of the county where the Jackson & Eastern railroad passes through is to a considerable extent a lumbering section. Yet, there are many well-developed farms and dairying is one of the large interests. Walnut Grove, that is the New Walnut Grove, is a prosperous town. There is a strong bank located there and a large number of mercantile houses.

There are consolidated schools located at Carthage, Madden, Good Hope, Freeney, Standing Pine, Edenburg, Reformation, Walnut Grove, Ellis, Singleton, Conway, Forest Grove and Midway.

CARTHAGE—Is the county seat and is a fast growing town. It will soon have a railroad as the road owned by the Pearl River Lumber Company will be extended to Carthage and made a commercial road. This railroad will probably extend to Philadelphia connecting in that city with the G. M. & N. railroad.

There are several other small communities in the county, each filling its place in the progressive activities of the county.

Madison County

MADISON is well known as the "Banner County" of Mississippi, and probably there are more acres of land under cultivation than in any other county in the state. Cotton is the leading crop, but corn, hay, vegetables and fruit take a high place in its production. Peaches are another large development as there are several orchards, one that has something like twenty-five hundred trees bearing fruit. Dairying has for years been one of the largest industries, fine herds of cattle roaming over the pastures of that section.

CANTON—Is the largest city and is the county seat. The business houses are ideally located around the Courthouse Square, although there are large interests on other streets. There are three banks, each with large resources, capable of taking care of this rich and prosperous community. It is located on the main line of the Illinois Central railroad, and excellent hard surfaced roads lead out from the city in all directions. In the city the larger part of the streets are paved.

Canton has a fine educational system of schools, and a large agricultural high school is located at Sharon. There are also several consolidated schools in different sections of the county.

Yazoo County

YAZOO county is unique in its geographical location, about one-half of the county is in what is known as "the hill section" of that part of the state, and the other half of the county is in the Delta. Thus the county has the benefit of two distinct types of soil. The Delta is the cotton county, while the hills are more of a dairying and farming part of the county. Yet, the two mix to a large extent, for farmers in the Delta are getting the habit of doing a little farming themselves and mixing with it dairying, poultry raising and general diversification of crops. Cotton is the big crop but other things are receiving the attention of labor.

Dairying is being successfully worked out, and the first cheese factory established in the state was put into operation at Yazoo City. This has been an incentive for better cows and larger herds of cattle.

YAZOO CITY—Is the county seat of Yazoo county and is a large commercial city. The streets are well paved and its location is ideal, being at the edge of the hill section, to the west being the banks of the Yazoo river from which the county and city takes their name. There are three large banks, three newspapers, two being published weekly and the "Sentinel" published three times a week by that able newspaper man, Hon. Frank Birdsall. The mercantile houses are well fitted to take care of the business in their trade territory. The hotel accommodations are excellent. Transportation facilities are good, and take it all in all there is not a better city and county to live in than is to be found in Yazoo City and Yazoo county.

The Yazoo - Mississippi Delta

THE Yazoo-Mississippi Delta is that area of land lying between the Yazoo and Mississippi rivers, or that portion of the flood plains of the Mississippi river in the state north of Vicksburg. This area begins near the Tennessee-Mississippi state line, and gradually widens until it reaches a width of sixty miles from Greenville on the Mississippi river to Greenwood on the Yazoo river, then gradually narrows and terminates at Vicksburg, making a body of super-fertile, level land sixty miles in width at the widest point by two hundred miles long, containing approximately three and one-half million acres. The counties that lie in this great empire of wealth, commencing near the Tennessee-Mississippi state line, are: Tunica, Coahoma, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Bolivar, Sunflower, Leflore, Washington, Humphreys, Sharkey, and Issaquena. There are several counties where a portion of their boundaries lie in the Delta and are Warren, Yazoo, Holmes, Panola, and DeSoto.

When you have told the story of one of these counties it fittingly covers the whole, so we will write about the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta, only making short mentions of the individual counties.

This area is traversed by several small rivers rising near the Mississippi and flowing in a southwestern direction, emptying into the Yazoo and thence into the Mississippi, at Vicksburg. These rivers afford excellent natural drainage for more than three-fourths of this area; and their flowing away from the Mississippi and all entering the Mississippi—through the Yazoo—at one point, at the extreme south end of the Delta, has made it possible to protect, by a gigantic chain of levees, more than three-fourths of this area from annual overflow, and has made safe for all kinds of agriculture, an area unsurpassed for opportunity anywhere in the world.

The soils of the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta vary in type from a silt loam to the stiffest black clay, known locally as buckshot. The loam soils are found usually along the high bank streams, while the stiff clay soils are found lying along the low bank streams.

It may be of interest to explain that, beginning at the Mississippi going east to the Yazoo, the streams alternate in low and high banks. The lands along the high bank streams (for example, Deer Creek and the Sunflower river) are the best naturally drained and were the first to be cleared. Even before the completion of the levee system, such lands were reasonably safe except during years of extremely high water.

Aside from the fact that the loam lands along the high bank streams were the best drained and safest from overflow, they were to be preferred from the standpoints of friability and productiveness under average conditions. Even today, with our protection from overflow and our modern drainage facilities, the loam soils predominate in number of acres in profitable cultivation.

Examples of the wonderful productiveness of the soils in this area are to be found almost everywhere. Thousands of acres, after almost continual cropping to cotton for fifty to seventy-five years, are still making profitable crops without fertilizer; yet experiments have shown that no soil responds more readily to an application of fertilizer, particularly those of a nitrogenous nature, and to a crop of legumes, than do these loam soils. One crop of peas has been known to bring some of the worn soils back to almost their original productiveness.

As stated before, the clay, or buckshot soils are usually found adjacent to the low bank streams. They are usually lower and not so well drained as the loam soils, but, however, contain a higher percentage of plant foods, particularly lime, potassium, and phosphorus. When the season is wet these soils are not so safe as the loam soils;

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Duties of the State Auditor of Public Accounts

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THE school textbooks tell us that the state auditor is the state's bookkeeper. Bookkeeping means the recording of business transactions, and in this narrow sense constitutes a very small part of the auditor's duties. The scope of the auditor's duties embraces the entire field of the state's financial activities. No money can be paid into the state treasury and no money can be paid out of the treasury except upon order of the state auditor. Before any voucher, incoming or outgoing, may be issued, the state auditor must audit the application made to him, verify the statement supporting the application, and see that everything is done according to law. In this necessary interpretation and application of the law pertaining to the collection and disbursement of revenues, he must largely rely upon his own judgment and experience and that of his assistants. In the multitude, confusion and contradiction of laws it is often difficult for the auditor to say what the law really is, and fortunately in complicated cases, he may consult the attorney general, but even then hundreds and thousands of cases come to him daily in which he must rely on his own judgment in the interpretation and application of law.

The foregoing paragraph is a brief view of the state auditor as a bookkeeper and as an auditor, or examiner of accounts. His duties in both these capacities are outlined by law which he must continually interpret and apply to the business of the auditor's office. In this respect bookkeeping and auditing of the auditor's office differs from commercial bookkeeping and auditing. Here not only the requirements of technical bookkeeping and auditing must be met, but the auditor must constantly regard the law governing his action as a public officer, and hence, he is called the state auditor of public accounts.

This division of the auditor's office embraces mainly the duties originally outlined by the constitution and is administered by the auditor; deputy auditor; head bookkeeper; receive warrant clerk; pay warrant clerk; auditing clerk; and filing clerk and stenographer.

Accounting Department

Since the creation of the constitutional office, state auditor of public accounts, the original duties have been added to until today the state auditor is more than a bookkeeper, or recorder of business transactions, and an auditor, or examiner of accounts. As chief inspector of the state accounting department, created by the 1924 legislature and placed under the auditor's supervision, the state auditor is required to be an accountant or designer of systems of accounts.

The scope of this department and therefore the scope of the auditor's duties as its chief inspector will appear from the title of the act:

"An act to provide for the inspection, supervision and auditing of public officers, and to establish a uniform system of public accounting and auditing."

This law is administered under the direction of the auditor, denominated "chief inspector," and his assistants: the assistant chief inspector, five field inspectors or auditors, and two clerks. These inspectors or auditors are assigned the task of checking or auditing state and county officers, and boards, commissions and institutions supported wholly or in part by the state. The chief inspector is authorized to formulate and install a uniform system of accounting and reporting for all state and county officials and for all state institutions, boards and commissions.

Pension Department

By virtue of his office the state auditor is the state's pension commissioner, and as such commissioner he is charged with the supervision and administration of the laws providing pensions for Confederate veterans, their widows and servants. After sufficient examination of all pension applications and lists or rolls to determine their conformity to the law, the auditor disburses all pension funds upon lists or rolls furnished by the county pension board. Individual pensioners for any reason erroneously left off the rolls are paid direct by the auditor. This department has one clerk who also serves as the auditor's secretary.

Automobile Department

Under a statutory enactment of 1914 requiring the registration of automobiles, the auditor, as the officer made responsible for the enforcement of this law, is in reality the "state automobile commissioner," though the law did not give him for this purpose any particular name. It is his duty to contract for the manufacture of the license tags, to furnish them to the tax collectors of the eighty-two counties, and to keep a registry of cars licensed in the state. Until 1926 the auditor was allowed one clerk for this department, but with the increased registration and the addition of a certificate of title, three clerks are now used in the automobile department.

Gasoline Tax Department

Shortly after the advanet of automobile registration in our state came the gasoline tax, and the auditor's responsibilities were again increased by the legislature making him responsible for the collection and disbursement of the gasoline excise tax. Nearly five million dollars were collected from this source in 1927, and the collection thereof and the return to the counties of their parts on the basis of registered cars in the different counties was attended to by two clerks under the auditor's direction.

Report

Among his most important duties is the compiling and editing of reports for the various departments over which he presides and for his office as a whole. He is required by law to make an annual report of the transactions of his office; a detailed biennial report of all the transactions of his office to each session of the legislature; and a report, immediately following the legislature's adjournment, of the legislative expenses and appropriations.

By law the auditor is constituted the official interpreter of the state's financial facts. In his report, according to law, he must give explanations and notes on the state's financial operations; he must point out what has been done and suggest ways and means for improvement of the state's finances. It is evident that the state auditor is thoroughly familiar with the state's finances, and that his reports made under and in compliance with his oath of office contain dependable facts as to the financial status.

The state auditor's office is a clearing house for the state, and information as to the workings of that clearing house is accessible in the auditor's biennial report of 1928.

but on the other hand, during a very dry season, this soil retains moisture longer and crops do much better than on loam soils.

With our drainage system becoming more and more effective, the soils of this type are becoming more and more in favor. When drained, these are our ideal alfalfa, small grain and cotton soils. When depleted, soils of this type are rejuvenated by the growing of deep-rooted legumes.

There may be other large bodies of alluvial lands, but nowhere else in the entire world are there to be found such bodies of land so favored by climate and location as is the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta. It has a growing season of about two hundred thirty-five days, with a mean temperature of about 58 degrees. Its annual rainfall of about fifty inches is well distributed for the growing of cotton, corn, alfalfa, oats, clover, sorghum, grasses and various truck crops.

There are no sections where a greater variety of staple crops can be grown to the degree of perfection as can be produced in the Yazoo Delta. Cotton, the king of southern crops, surely reaches perfection in this area. It is an easy matter for the man who does only reasonably good farming to grow a bale of short staple cotton or three-quarters of a bale of long staple cotton per acre on well drained land.

Although the average yield of cotton per acre in the Yazoo Delta is very low, many of the best farmers are averaging a bale of long staple cotton per acre, with little or no fertilizer.

Corn grows well on the lands of the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta. Yields of more than one hundred bushels per acre, without fertilizer, have been recorded; while many of the best planters get average yields of forty to fifty bushels per acre, from hundreds of acres. One of the big factors in growing corn in this region is the long period over which it can be planted with ample time for maturity. The planting season ranges from March 1 to July 1.

Alfalfa is one of the Yazoo Delta's big crops. It grows best on the well drained clay, or buckshot lands, but grows exceedingly well on the loam soils. It is usually cut five times during a season, averaging four to five tons per acre per season. It is by far our best forage crop, and as a summer grazing crop for hogs it has no equal. It will soon occupy a big place on every plantation. Next to cotton it is the most profitable crop grown in this area.

The small grains, as wheat and oats, when planted from middle of September to middle of October, on well drained land, make splendid yields. In fact, the yield of oats is usually better in the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta than is usual in the so-called grain belt. Average yields of sixty bushels per acre are very common.

The man who wishes to grow fruits will make no mistake in locating in the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta. Peaches, pears, apples, plums and grapes all do well. There is a home demand at handsome prices for many times the amount of all kinds of fruits grown in the region. No line of agricultural endeavor offers greater possibilities than does that of fruit growing.

The Delta lands are admirably adapted to the growing of all kinds of truck crops. The possibilities for the trucker are unlimited. The local demand for truck crops has scarcely been touched.

Experiments have proved conclusively that all classes of livestock do well here when looked after by men who understand the livestock business, and that hogs, cattle and sheep can be grown cheaper here than in most of the strictly livestock sections. Green pastures are possible here the year round. Legume pastures are available ten out of the twelve months. Neither summer nor winter temperatures are severe on livestock.

The Delta region is well supplied with transportation facilities. In addition to the Mississippi river and other navigable streams, it has a perfect network of railroads. There are indeed very few plantations more than five miles from a railroad.

To the prospective settler no information is of more vital importance than that concerning good roads and general living conditions. The Yazoo Delta counties are making wonderful strides in road building, and will soon lead all southern counties in this respect.

During the past few years wonderful progress has been made along the line of drainage in the Yazoo Delta region. More than a million acres have been made safe for farms, farm houses and towns.

Few factors have contributed more toward making the Yazoo Delta a fit place to live and to rear a family than has artesian water. Wells providing an abundance of pure, flowing water can be had at every door for the drilling of from one hundred feet to two thousand feet.

Generally, living conditions are fast becoming as good as the best. The Delta people are big people. They believe in co-operation. They do big things in a big way. They are social and progressive.

The idea that the Yazoo Delta is a malarial district has long since been exploded. Since its lands have been opened to cultivation, adequately drained and artesian water supplied, malaria is no more prevalent than in the hill section, in fact, much less so than in sections where proverty prevails, with its accompanying ignorance and inadequacy to rise above adverse circumstances. One has but to look into the faces of the Delta's children, the generations born here, to know that this is indeed a healthful climate, or else to observe the vigorous energy and the prevailing happiness of its citizens, which only a healthy people may possess. For two consecutive years Sunflower county presented the two healthiest girls in the United States.

With the coming of good roads, scientific agriculture, development of its great wealth of forests, and other industries, with their attendant prosperity, have come good schools as a matter of course. Agricultural high schools and consolidated schools are within easy reach of almost every pupil. Well built and well equipped school houses are being erected in almost every community that is without adequate buildings. The school truck is within reach of all.

The Delta today is fast becoming a section of good and well supported churches. Every small town has at least a Baptist and a Methodist church, and many towns have also Presbyterian, Episcopal, Catholic and other churches.

To him who is seeking a land of unlimited opportunity, a land of unsurpassed fertility of soil, where a great variey of crops grow to perfection, where good roads, good water, good schools, live churches, prosperous cities, and a splendid people are to be found, attention is invited to the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta.

SHARKEY COUNTY—Rolling Fork is the county seat of Sharkey county and is a progressive small city. There are ample banking facilities, good mercantile houses and a weekly newspaper. It is the marketing center for a rich surrounding territory.

ISSAQUEENA COUNTY—Myersville is the county seat and leading town of the county. There are no large towns in the county, but it is a rich territory, in agriculture, cotton being the leading crop. There are several other towns each having its particular position in the activities of the county.

WASHINGTON COUNTY—This is one of the leading and richest counties of the Delta. Greenville is the county seat and a city of upward of eighteen thousand population. The streets are well paved and are wide and well kept. Some of the leading wholesale and retail establishments of the state are located at Greenville; there is a daily paper well edited and printed, under the management of Ernst Smith, one of the active and progressive business men of the city. There is a live Chamber of Commerce with a large membership including the leading business and professional men of the county. Greenville is located on the Mississippi river and there are large concrete docks at the river front. It is a large cotton market, one of the largest in the Delta, and there are several gins, compresses and cottonseed oil mills.

LELAND—Is about ten miles east of Greenville and is a city well kept, with paved streets, handsome mercantile establishments that carry a large and varied stock sufficient to take care of its trade territory. There is a weekly paper, excellent schools and is a town progressive.

The other towns and communities are characteristic of their big brothers.

HUMPHREYS COUNTY—Is one of the smallest counties in the state and one of the newest. Belzoni is the county seat and is a live-wire small city. The streets are paved and the schools and churches are handsome structures. It is a cotton market city.

SUNFLOWER COUNTY—Indianola is the county capital and is a progressive city with wide paved streets and substantial business houses. There is a consolidated school with a handsome school building. There are two weekly papers. In the county there are upwards of fifty small towns and communities, the larger being Moorehead, Ruleville and Drew.

LEFLORE COUNTY—Greenwood is the county seat and the leading city in the county and one of the best cities in the state. It is modern in its paved streets, handsome buildings and business blocks. Greenwood is one of the largest cotton markets in the state, and is considerable of a manufacturing community, there being several cotton gins, compresses and cottonseed oil mills and other manufacturing interests, including lumber and building materials. The schools of the city and county are equal to any in the state and all of the consolidated are of the accredited class.

Itta Bena is another city in the county and is a cotton marketing town. During the past year Itta Bena has put on a large paving campaign and now stands equal with any town in that section as far as paved streets are concerned.

TALLAHATCHIE COUNTY—Has two county capitals, Charleston in the eastern part of the county and Sumner in the western part, and maintains a high standard in the activities of the Delta. There are several other towns that hold the same high position.

BOLIVAR COUNTY—Is the second largest county in Mississippi, having an area of 879 square miles. It also has two county seats, one at Cleveland and one at Rosedale. The county is noted for its large crops of cotton, as a rule leading any county in the state in that commodity. Within its borders are located some of the best schools in the state, among which is the new Normal Teachers' College.

COAHOMA COUNTY—Is a large percentage devoted to the production of cotton. Clarksdale, one of the best and most progressive cities in the state, is the county seat. It is a modernly built city and populated with a very high class citizenship.

QUITMAN COUNTY—Marks is the capital of the county and is one of the leading marketing towns of the Delta. It is populated with a progressive people and is a growing city in a growing county.

TUNICA COUNTY—Is in the northwest part of the Delta and near the Tennessee state line. Tunica is the county seat and is a growing town. Cotton is the leading business and a large crop of this product is grown.

Holmes County

HOLMES county is one of the largest counties in the state, having 751 square miles within its boundary, and is one of the most productive in agriculture, horticulture, dairying and poultry raising. It is served by a network of graveled roads connecting the interior with the marketing centers. Good consolidated and high schools in all parts of the county take care of the younger generation. The banking conditions are unsurpassed to adequately take care of the demands required by the farmer in every line. There are unlimited possibilities in dairying, and three of the largest creameries, and one cheese factory, in the state are located in the county. Truck farming, poultry raising and country produce are readily handled by the local markets. The citizenry is of the highest type, the county affairs are handled by able, practical business men.

LEXINGTON—Is the county seat and is one of the very best communities in that part of the state. It is ideally located for drainage and perfect sanitation, thus the city enjoys perfect health conditions. The business houses form a square around the courthouse, and includes the larger part of the business interests. There are two banks, and a successful weekly paper. There is a creamery, one of the most progressive in the state in its management.

DURANT—Is located in the eastern part of the county and is the junction of the main line of the Illinois Central railroad and the Aberdeen and Lexington branches. Here is located one of the first cheese factories to come to Mississippi. There are two banks, wholesale stores and several large retail establishments.

Tchula, Cruger, Pickens and West are other towns of importance in the county.

Attala County

ATTALA county is situated near the middle of the state from east to west and is in what is known as the "hill country." Raising cotton is the leading business, although for the past few years dairying has taken up a good deal of the attention of the farmers. There is a large creamery and a milk condensing plant located at Kosciusko, the county seat, which will most materially increase the dairy business in that section.

KOSCIUSKO—Is the leading city of the county, there are two banks, both prosperous and able to supply the financial end of the advancement of the community. The school system is one hundred per cent in its efficiency. There is an excellent weekly paper and the mercantile interests are on a par with any in the state. There are several manufacturing plants including sawmills, cotton mill, cottonseed oil mill and compress, and gin.

ETHEL—Is another progressive town in the county and is a growing section. There is one bank operated under able management, and all of the necessary establishments to make up a progressive town of its character. It is growing and dairying is becoming a leading industry.

Winston County

THE soil of a large part of Winston county is a wonderfully rich sandy loam, with clay subsoil, which raises record crops of all fruits, vegetables, general crops that mother earth is capable of producing, and make the finest kind of dairying and stock farms. In the northeast part of the county, are prairie soils. The bottom lands are alluvial, which are very productive. The drainage canals have stopped all chances of overflow of the creeks and rivers and thousands of acres are only awaiting man power to produce its wealth.

LOUISVILLE—Is a trading and marketing center for this rich outlying territory, and is the county seat. The town is populated with a progressive citizenship, men who work at all times to better the condition and develop the opportunities afforded them. The streets are paved, and as the city stands on high ground the drainage and sanitary conditions are perfect. The staple crop is cotton in the territory immediately surrounding Louisville but during the past few years the farmers are diversifying in their crops, and dairying is fast becoming one of the largest interests. There are two banks and several commercial houses. Lumbering is one of the larger interests, and there are several other large manufacturing plants among which is the manufacture of brick. There are two weekly papers.

WINSTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

HARVESTING OATS IN WINSTON COUNTY

The Winston county agricultural high school is located at Noxapater and is one of the best schools of its character in the state.

Noxubee County

NOXUBEE county lies in the great prairie limeland belt of northeast Mississippi. The main line of the Mobile & Ohio railroad runs north and south through the center of the county.

There are three towns or trade centers in the county, Macon, Brooksville and Shuqualak, all of which are on the railroad and easily accessible from any part of the county. Macon, the county seat, is located almost in the exact center of the county, and has a population a little over 2,200. Brooksville, a beautiful little town of 1,200, is in the northern end of the county. Shuqualak, a fast growing community with a population of 1,000, is in the southern end. Noxubee county is traversed by a complete system of hard surface and graded roads. There are three main hard surfaced highways through the county maintained by the state highway department. The natural adaptation of a wide variety of crops to the soils of Noxubee county has been a big factor in its development as a dairy center.

Thirteen years ago the International Harvester Company selected Noxubee county to begin their National campaign for "Alfalfa On Every Farm," and since that time alfalfa has made its just contribution to the livestock and dairy industry of this section.

Sweet clover and melilotus grows wild in abundance on our lime lands and is one of our finest and most appreciated legumes for soil building, pastures, and for hay. Other clovers which thrive on these soils and add to the fine quality of the pastures include black Medic, white clover, red clover, lespedeza, yellow hop clover and bur clover. It is a common thing to find as many as thirteen different clovers and grasses growing on our pasture lands at the same time, furnishing fine grazing for nine months in the year. Our principal pasture grasses are Bermuda and Paspalum.

For fifteen years Noxubee county has been steadily building up a healthy dairy industry, and is today one of the outstanding dairy communities in Dixie. A survey made in 1926 showed 20,006 head of dairy cattle in a radius of eighteen miles from Macon. In addition to two creameries in the county, one of which is among the largest in the state, the Borden Company has located a mammoth milk evaporating plant at Macon, equipped to handle 200,000 pounds of whole milk daily, and with milk routes extending into every section of the county.

With a soil rich in lime and plant food, growing abundantly every clover common to both north and south; with fifteen years of successful dairying; with a fine system of public roads; and with two creameries and a mammoth milk evaporating plant, paying out thousands of dollars monthly to the dairymen, what greater evidence can be offered in proof of the fact that Noxubee county is truly in the heart of the "Dairyland of Dixie"?

Noxubee county is divided into twenty-five white and seventy-six colored school districts, so arranged that every child in the county is within easy reach of school. The minimum term for the elementary schools is eight months. Seven of the white schools, including one vocational school and the county agricultural high school, do four years of accredited high school work. Graduates may enter the freshman class of any of the colleges of Mississippi, the minimum amount of work required for graduation being sixteen Carnegie units. These high schools, with the exception of three, are located in rural districts, and rural children, as well as those who live in towns, are offered a high school education. The high school term is nine months.

Seven of the rural white schools are consolidated with motor truck transportation; three of them have teachers' homes for the accommodation of their teachers. Eighty per cent of the rural children of the county are enrolled in the consolidated schools.

Four of the colored schools do some high school work. One of them is a Smith-Hughes vocational and training school.

More than half a million dollars have been invested in school buildings and equipment in the school system in Noxubee county. The annual maintenance of the system from state appropriation, county and district levies, amounts to approximately $150,000. The investment, we believe, pays big returns. The schools are located at: Macon, R. M. Spaulding, superintendent; Brooksville, T. N. Touchstone, superintendent; Shuqualak, O. O. Bennett, superintendent; Agricultural High School, B. H. Lewis, superintendent; Salem, J. C. Jones, superintendent; Lynn Creek, W. F. Turman, superintendent; Cooksville-Paulette, R. S. Berry, superintendent.

TYPICAL FARM SCENES IN NOXUBEE COUNTY

Lowndes County & Columbus

LOWNDES county is bounded on the north by Monroe county, on the east by the state of Alabama, on the south by Noxubee county and on the west by Oktibbeha and Clay counties, and is one of the counties that form the prairie lime belt of northeast Mississippi spoken of as "The Dairyland of Dixie." Up to a few years ago it was mostly a cotton growing section but now dairying has come to the front and is a large industry. In the last few months there has been built several cheese factories and more are to follow. There are two creameries and ice cream plants at Columbus and one cheese factory; the other factories are in different sections of the county. The county is also in close touch with the large milk condensing plants at Starkville, Macon and Tupelo.

COLUMBUS—The county seat, is a city of some fifteen thousand people and one of the fastest growing cities in the state. It is the home of the Mississippi State College for Women, the largest institution of its character in the South. It has fifteen hundred students enrolled and one hundred and twenty-five instructors. It is supported by the state and operated for the benefit of Mississippi girls who must be graduates of high schools in order to enter this college. It occupies sixteen city blocks in the heart of the city and its property valuation is $2,500,000. The buildings are built of brick, and a building program amounting to $720,000 is now nearly completed. There is also a modern high school, a junior high school and two graded schools.

Columbus is also a considerable manufacturing city, several large interests being located there. There are four banks, several department stores, good hotels and one of the best moving picture houses in the state, owned and operated by one of the most progressive citizens of the city and community, Mr. E. L. Kuykendall. It has a large seating capacity and the best of first-run pictures are shown.

During the past few years the streets have been paved until today there are twelve miles of paved streets in the city and two hundred miles of gravel and improved roads in the county.

Columbus is known as "The Friendly City" and lives up to that slogan. It has one of the best daily newspapers in the state, the "Commercial-Dispatch," under the able management of Mr. Berney Ines, a thorough newspaper man and an able and forceful writer.

Oktibbeha County, Starkville Mississippi A. & M. College

OKTIBBEHA county—The bases of this county are agriculture, dairying and education. Being a part of the prairie belt of northeast Mississippi and having the Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College located in its midst, Oktibbeha county's right to boast for these assets are well founded, for the soils of the lime belt are unsurpassed and the A. & M. College is without a peer in the South. General farming is largely practiced, but the drift is toward specialization. Cotton, corn, hay and other crops are grown abundantly. During the past five years dairying has come to the front, especially since the large milk condensing plant of the Borden Company was established there. It is estimated that the farmers receive for their milk today upward of three millions of dollars annually, and this business is steadily increasing. This is the first plant of its kind to be established south of the Mason-Dixon line, and the good people of Starkville must be given the credit of bringing this great industry South. The business is growing and the people are prospering from it. The dairy section of northeast Mississippi is today the most prosperous of any section of the state.

STARKVILLE—The county seat of Oktibbeha county is one of the fastest growing cities, comparatively, in the state. Its institutions are most modern in their methods of operation. The hotel accommodations are among the best. The streets are paved and the roads leading to all points are graveled or graded, and these roads are being made better all of the time. The citizenship of Starkville is of the highest order, every man is a booster for his community and proud of the achievements that the city has made. The story of A. & M. College, by Mr. Ben Hilbun, will be found on page 29 of this book.

Choctaw County

CHOCTAW county, although one of the smaller counties in area of square miles, offers great things toward the upbuilding of that community. Its agricultural possibilities are of the highest order in dairying, sheep and cattle raising, fruits, vegetables, syrup and general farming. It is but a few miles over a good gravel road to the Borden milk condensing plant at Starkville. Good roads north, south, east and west are a great asset to the county. Then the county has good railroad facilities in the G. M. & N., north and south, and the Aberdeen branch of the Illinois Central east and west, making the best of connections to the whole country.

ACKERMAN—The county seat, is a thriving small city with a population of upward of two thousand, and is located in the center of a rich territory in raw materials, among the minerals in particular there is to be found lignite coal, fullers' earth, moulding and glass sand, pottery and fire clay, bauxite, iron, and bauxite refractories. High tension electric power lines, free factory sites, tax exemption for a term of years on new industries are inducements. Ackerman is a logical center for distribution. There are good schools; splendid churches, good substantial buildings in which are housed the business interests of the town. There is a creamery, ice plant, a bank, three churches and four oil companies have stations here. There is a well-edited weekly newspaper and the highest standard of citizenship.

Montgomery County

THE location of Montgomery county is ideal among the group of counties that make up north central Mississippi. It has two railroads crossing its territory, the main line of the Illinois Central running north and south and the Greenville & Columbus railroad running east and west. In its development in agriculture, dairying and many other productive lines it stands second to none in the state. The county has a progressive citizenship, made up mostly of white farmers, which is one of the reasons for its wealth and high development. The dairying business is growing to large proportions and is destined to become one of the great interests of this section. The rural schools are of the consolidated order with a corps of teachers that are real educators. The roads are mostly of the hard surface kind that are in use the entire year.

WINONA—Is the county seat and the marketing place for the back country. It is at the junction of the two railroads that traverse the county, which affords excellent transportation facilities. There are two banks to take care of the financial affairs of the community. The mercantile interests are of high order, supplying and giving service to the people. There is a cottonseed oil mill, a cotton mill, several woodworking plants, and a creamery.

Duck Hill and Kilmichael are two other marketing towns in the county and are progressive in their business activities.

A GROUP OF BEAUTIFUL BUILDINGS AT MISSISSIPPI AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE

Carroll County

IS centrally located on the edge of the Mississippi Delta and is one of the most fertile sections in the state. It has excellent railroad accommodations by the Illinois Central north and south and the Greenville & Columbus railroad east and west.

CARROLLTON—Is one of the county seats of the county and Vaiden is the other. Carrollton is an old town being made new through the activities of its people. The soils are productive of about any crop. Dairying is one of the leading industries and this business is growing all the time, and a prosperous future is looked for in the dairy cow.

Vaiden and North Carrollton are the other two business centers of the county and are progressive towns. Vaiden leads the rest of the countyin the dairy business and ships a large amount of butter fat to the creamery at Winona.

Grenada County

GRENADA county stands alone as the leading county of north central Mississippi. It is strong in its development of diversified farming, trucking, fruit growing and dairying. But the people of the county are not in the least selfish and invite new blood to come in and share their opportunities and further develop the great resources of the territory.

GRENADA—Is the county seat, and is one of the best cities in the state. The streets are well paved with concrete and asphalt and kept spotlessly clean. There are many large interests which cover the mercantile business, the merchants carrying large stocks of goods that they may satisfy and give the best of service to their patrons. The manufacturing interests are of a diversified nature, lumber leading, there being several mills in the city and surrounding country. Cotton is the largest crop raised which necessitates a modern equipped gin and oil mill. There are three banks, giving aid to all progressive business movements, one being the headquarters of the Grenada Bank which has several branches in different towns in central and north Mississippi. Hon. J. T. Thomas, one of the most progressive men in the state, and the state's most able financier, is at the head of these banks. Grenada is the home of the Grenada College for Women, which make, with the other schools of the city, an educational center.

Webster County

IS located in the hill section of central northeast Mississippi. The large interest is that of raising cotton, but during the past few years the farmers have diversified more in their crops, and lately dairying has come to the front, the county lying northwest of Oktibbeha county where the Borden milk condensing plant is located and which gives the people of that section a market close at home. There is also considerable mineral wealth in the county in lignite, fullers' earth, moulding and glass sands, pottery and fire clay, bauxite and iron.

WALTHALL—Is the county seat, a small town but the marketing center for a rich surrounding district.

Clay County

CLAY county holds an imperial position among the counties of northeast Mississippi. Its western boundary is in the Pontotoc range of mountains and it takes in a line of territory that ends at the Tombigbee river, giving it a position that is in the best of the lands of the prairie lime belt and is the center of what is called "The Dairyland of Dixie." It is ideal for any kind of agricultural purposes as its soils are productive of about any crop planted. Cotton is still the leading crop but many farmers are diversifying and planting other crops and at the same time are establishing dairies, securing the best of cows and building up their herds to the highest efficiency in milk production. It will take time for this work to come to perfection but it will pay in the end, for Clay county is naturally a dairy section because of the grasses for feed that can be raised. The dairy and the poultry farm will be the great builder of the future for that section.

WEST POINT—Is the "Hub" of the prairie lime belt, if for no other reason than it is geographically practically in the center of the belt. But there are other reasons; it has by far the best transportation facilities both by railroad and automobile road. There are three railroads that intersect at West Point, it being the junction of the Mobile & Ohio's main line running north and south, reaching the markets of the north by direct route and the markets of the world through the ports of Gulfport and Mobile. The Greenville & Columbus reaches the eastern markets through its connections at Columbus and the markets of the west through its connections at Greenville. The Aberdeen branch of the Illinois Central makes direct connections with the main line of that road at Durant. The highways are, as a rule, hard surfaced, radiating in all directions, thus there is the best transportation by truck as well as railroad. These facts give it the right to be called "The Hub" of the prairie lime belt and of northeast Mississippi. The people of West Point are willingly progressive for it is in the blood, but they do not work fast enough and do not realize the possibilities and opportunities that are right there at their door. There is a live Chamber of Commerce, and a new sceretary who dreams and has visions of great things to come to his home city and county, and if it can be done John (Rube) Ruble will do it. There are two strong banks in the city, and the First National Bank of West Point is the oldest National bank in the state. The streets are well-paved and the mercantile houses are representative of their special trade. There are several manufacturing interests, and a prospect of more. Its position and its facilities should make it the largest manufacturing and distributing point in that part of the state.

Monroe County

MONROE county, of which Aberdeen is the county seat, was organized in 1821, and named for James Monroe. This county has a population of over thirty-five thousand and owing to the great variety of rich soils, is one of the richest, most highly developed and best improved counties in the South. This remarkable development has been partly brought about by the wonderful hard roads and the building of spacious consolidated schools all over the county and also by the untiring efforts of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, in calling meetings in every section of the county with a view of inducing the farmers to milk more cows, feed more chickens, hogs and beef cattle. In this work great results have been accomplished. The county is blessed with a variety of rich soils, the two principal ones being the rich black prairie lime in the western part of the county and the rich sandy loam soils in the eastern end of the county. These soils are divided into eight or ten classes, some being especially adapted for alfalfa, corn, cotton, hay and broom corn, while others are better for truck and fruit of all kinds, but all grow the different grasses and clovers and are splendid for dairying and stock raising as much of this county is underlaid with artesian water and pure deep-wells and springs are to be found in practically all sections.

A CABBAGE PATCH IN MONROE COUNTY

The high elevation, pure water, good natural drainage and health conditions, caused by the gently rolling nature of the lands, is fast making Monroe county one of the banner dairy, livestock, poultry and general farming sections in the Union.

ABERDEEN—Is a thriving city of between five and six thousand law-abiding citizens who are constantly striving to make the city and county the mecca for home-seekers. Probably no city in the state has during the past few years made as many public improvements; the streets have been paved and beautified, the new $140,000 high school has been built which affords the children the best of educational facilities. The city has the best of railroad transportation facilities, and truck delivery has become a pleasure over the fine country roads, some paved and all hard surfaced.

The mercantile interests are of high order and cover all marts of trade. There are two strong banks, several manufacturing establishments and one of the best markets is afforded the people of the trade territory for the sale of their products.

THE ABERDEEN CREAMERY is deserving of special notice in this work on account of the great work that the company has done in the upbliding of that section of the country. This enterprise has been built from a small beginning to one of the leading creameries and milk products plants in the South, and much credit must be given to Frank Johnson, the president of the company and V. E. Gaskin, the vice-president and manager, who have been untiring in their efforts to make Monroe county the best dairying section anywhere. They not only afford the farmer a market for his milk but they buy his eggs and dressed poultry, sweet potatoes and farm produce of all kinds. Their plant, which is new, is fitted with the best machinery for the work involved and its capacity in taking care of the business is enormous. Some idea can be gained of its magnitude from the accompanying picture.

LARGE PLANT OF THE ABERDEEN CREAMERY

AMORY—Has come into the limelight to a large extent during the past two years on account of the gas wells in that neighborhood, although it has been one of the best towns in northeast Mississippi for several years, and is the marketing center for a rich surrounding section. The streets are well-paved, there are two banks, a perfect school system, an ably edited and well-printed weekly paper, the best of hotel accommodations and a citizenship of the highest order. The shops of the Frisco railroad are located there which are a great asset to the city, and the city has the best of transportation accommodations both by rail and motor truck.

STRONGS—Although Strongs is a small community it has achieved a high reputation for being the home of one of, if not the best, organized poultry farms in the state and in the South for that matter, operated by Mr. H. D. Watson, and through the high-bred chickens that have been exhibited the farm has become internationally known.

Chickasaw County

CHICKASAW county is located in the northeastern part of the state and well within the prairie lime belt, which is designated as "The Dairyland of Dixie." It has two county seats, one at Houston and one at Okolona. The main line of the G. M. & N. railroad and the Mobile & Ohio pass through the county, giving it ample transportation facilities. It is fast becoming a dairy county, the farmers realizing that there is good money in that business.

HOUSTON—Is located in the western part of the county and is the marketing center for a rich and prosperous farming and dairying section. The business establishments are representative in character and operated by men of the highest citizenship. It is also the center of a considerable lumber industry, there being several mills in the surrounding community. The town has a large trade territory to draw from which is reached with an excellent system of good roads extending miles in all directions. It has a strong bank, and one of the best hospitals in the state. Other industries include besides several manufacturing concerns a creamery and a wide-awake newspaper.

OKOLONA—Is located in the eastern part of the county on the line of the Mobile & Ohio railroad. It is a live progressive city with upwards of four thousand people. The streets are well-paved and the business interests are housed in handsome buildings. There are two banks, and one of the leading weekly papers in that section of the state.

Calhoun County

CALHOUN county is located in what is known as the hill section of northeast Mississippi, and is a rich farming community, cotton being the larger crop, although many other crops are raised and dairying is practiced to a considerable extent and this business is growing. The two leading marketing centers in the county are Pittsboro and Calhoun City. There is considerable mineral wealth in the county in lignite, pottery and fire clay, bauxite and iron, but these minerals have not been developed.

CALHOUN CITY—Is located in the southern central part of the county, and is a hustling community and possesses a progressive and high-class citizenship. There is one bank and an excellent school system.

PITTSBORO—Is the county seat, located geographically in the center of the county. It is one of the old towns of that section of the state and being the county seat naturally draws a large trade from the surrounding community.

Yalobusha County

YALOBUSHA county has many advantages that are not possessed by her sister counties on account of her geographical location. Her good roads. Her railroad transportation facilities and the general progressive spirit of her people. Although cotton is the leading crop, the people have awakened to the necessity of producing something else, and dairying, trucking, fruit growing and kindred lines have become prominent in the production of the county, especially is this so regarding watermelons, for Yalobusha produces the largest crop and the best flavored melons in the state.

WATER VALLEY—Is located in the northern part of the county and is one of the county seats, Yalobusha county having two capitals, the other being Coffeeville. Water Valley is blessed with good hard surfaced roads, radiating out in all directions, making it possible for the farmer, the cotton grower, and the trucker to get his produce to market with little trouble. In railroad transportation the Illinois Central railroad passes through the town giving the best of accommodations.

The schools of the city are of the higher order, conducted under the superintendency of able educators. The churches are fine structures in architectural beauty and all of the leading denominations have their own home.

COFFEEVILLE—Is located in the southern part of the county, and also has a county courthouse, being the county seat for that district of the county. The city is an old one but has taken on a new lease of life and is now traveling on the progressive road to better things and larger development of the numerous advantages the community possesses. The schools are on a par with any in the state, and the churches represent all denominations. The mercantile houses are representative in their several lines of trade. Coffeeville has the advantage of first-class shipping accommodations by the main line of the Illinois Central railroad, and her hard surfaced road system.

Panola County

PANOLA county is one of the progressive counties of the northern part of the state, and has an area of 696 square miles. Cotton farming is the largest occupation, although truck, general farming and dairying attract the attention of the farmers, and there is considerable lumbering in the county, several large mills being located here.

SARDIS—Is the county seat for the northern district of the county and is a town of upwards of two thousand population and in a growing section. There are good paved streets and the public utilities are efficient in their installation. The city school is housed in one of the finest schoolhouses in the state, a building of which the people of Sardis are justly proud. There are two banks, both substantial financial institutions. A creamery which affords a market for the dairy interest of the community is located here and there are between twenty-five and thirty good business houses.

BATESVILLE—The county seat for the southern section of the county, is a town of upwards of two thousand people who are live-wire and the best of citizens, believing in their town and its surrounding section. The banking facilities are sufficient for all purposes and the business interests generally are active in their trade.

Lafayette County

LAFAYETTE county, situated in the north central part of the state, is one of the most favored counties in Mississippi. Her soils are varied, suitable to the growing of all crops. In the rich bottom lands of her streams which have been drained by large canals, we find soils producing from fifty to seventy-five bushels of corn per acre, with large yields of soybeans and peas as a combination. Her hill and tablelands are a fine loam soil producing good yields of cotton, corn, oats, peas, watermelons, canteloupes, and all kinds of fruits and vegetables. Dairying is increasing in the county, some of the best herds in the state being found around Oxford and at other points. A good highway system for the county has been completed and Lafayette county is connected with the interlinking systems leading to Tupelo, Pontotoc, Water Valley, Grenada, Holly Springs and Memphis. The county is populated with progressive white people who are making farming their business. Farming is better diversified in Lafayette than in most sections, her farmers shipping as high as a half million dollars worth of hogs, cattle, corn, hay, lespedeza seed, etc., within a single year. The schools of the county are consolidated, some of the best rural schools in the state being found at Tchula, Paris, Burgess, Abbeville, College Hill and many other points. The general advantages are good in Lafayette county for those who wish to do general farming or specialize in dairying or truck farming.

OXFORD—A city of thirty-five hundred people, is known far and wide as a city of culture and refinement. It is the seat of the great University of Mississippi, where thousands of the most useful citizens of the state have been educated. The influence of this school reaches to the utmost parts of the state and throughout the United States. Not only is she the seat of culture for the state but she maintains one of the best city high schools for the education of her boys and girls. The city is also the county seat, located in the center of the county with a large trade territory, extending in every direction. Her business men are active in promoting the development of the county and co-operate with the farmers in producing better agriculture. Large quantities of country produce are disposed of in Oxford. Oxford has three banks: The Bank of Oxford, The First National Bank, and the Guaranty Bank and Trust Co. Each of these banks furnishes first-class accommodation to their patrons.

The Bank of Oxford has at all times maintained a liberal policy in promoting the boys' and girls' club work of the county and in assisting the home and farm demonstration work.

All the modern conveniences of a town are found in Oxford, good lighting system, good water, good schools and a healthy place to live. A visit to Oxford and meeting her splendid people will create a favorable impression on the minds of visitors looking for a home.

Pontotoc County

THERE is no section of the state of Mississippi that has the prospect for a great future than the part of the state in which Pontotoc county is the center. This is caused, partially, on account of the great mineral wealth in bauxite and other clays in that section. When the installation of hydro-electric cheap power is completed so that this wealth can be developed commercially, then Pontotoc county will come into its own. Take it all in

SCENES IN PONTOTOC COUNTY, A PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY all that part of the state has a great future, a future that will bring wealth to the communities of that section.

The county is also blessed with lands that produce all crops that are planted, it has good schools, good roads, and a high-class citizenship that recognizes the wealth stored there and while they are waiting for those things to come that way that will further build bigger, they are not idle, the productive energy of the soil is worked to bring forth an abundance in all crops, dairying is being built up so that it has become a profitable business. Poultry raising is being practiced, and other diversified methods being put into practice.

PONTOTOC COUNTY COURTHOUSE

PONTOTOC—The county seat of Pontotoc county, is a thriving community and a town progressive and beautiful. It has the handsomest courthouse in the state, its business interests are of the highest class, and are housed in handsome structures. The streets are well-paved and good roads lead in all directions toward the city. The schools and churches are ideal in their character and attract the attention of the stranger for their beauty in architecture. These institutions of moral and commercial education are in all cases presided over by educated and sincere men in their especial calling.

Lee County

LEE county is considered the best-developed county in the state and is the most northern county that is grouped in the seven counties that form the prairie lime belt of northeast Mississippi in "The Dairyland of Dixie." Cotton is still the leading crop, but many others are raised. Dairying is a leading industry and there are probably as many purebred cattle in Lee county as there are in any county in the state. There is both a creamery and a whole milk condensing plant at Tupelo. The rural roads are hard surfaced and a great many miles are paved. It was in this county that the first concrete road in Mississippi was built. From Tupelo to Fulton in Itawamba county is concrete, as is the road leading to Pontotoc.

TUPELO—Is the county seat of Lee county and one of the largest cities in the northeastern part of the state. There are three banks, several good hotels, the streets are all paved, there are two newspapers, and several manufacturing plants, wholesale stores, large cotton warehouses, cottonseed oil mills, large automobile sales and service stations, and a large number of retail houses covering all business interests, each carrying complete stocks of the goods in their special lines. The schools are of the highest standard as they are throughout the county. The Tupelo Military Academy is one of the best in the state. Tupelo is blessed with a citizenship that works in co-operation all the time with the single thought, and that is to make Tupelo and its trade territory the best, and in this the people are succeeding.

BALDWYN—Is located in the northern part of the county and is a progressive town with a fine citizenship. There is one bank with ample resources, a newspaper and several commercial houses and is the marketing center for a prosperous community.

Itawamba County

ITAWAMBA county is one of the extreme northeast counties of the state bordering on the Alabama state line. Lumbering is one of its leading business interests as there is a large quantity of standing timber in the county. Yet it is a good farming territory, the principal crops being cotton and corn. Dairying is practiced to a considerable extent and this interest is growing larger all the time. This is because of the milk condensing plant at Tupelo in which Fulton is connected by a concrete road.

FULTON—Is the county seat and is an active, progressive town that has grown twice its former size in the past four years. There are two banks, several woodworking plants, good stores and good people. The Itawamba county agricultural high school is located on the edge of the town and is one of the best schools of that character anywhere and its faculty is composed of educated and competent executives.

Tishomingo County

TISHOMINGO county is the extreme northeast county of the state, bounded on the north by Tennessee and on the east by the state of Alabama. As far as development is concerned it is a new county, for until the coming of the railroad through the county there was hardly a good road, but now the county is going ahead fast and there are good roads throughout the county, and it is becoming a great agricultural community; corn club boys and girls are doing a great work. Dairying and poultry raising is fast becoming a large industry. Running water is found on nearly every farm. Tishomingo is also wealthy in minerals, especially in road gravel, which is the best and has attained a high reputation for its quality; there is also pottery clay, china clay, paint clay, tripolite, limestone, phosphorous rock, sandstone, bauxite, and in the eastern part of the county there are deposits of slate, the material for making vitrified brick, and this is about the only place in the state where this material can be found.

TISHOMINGO—Is a lumber town and marketing center for a rich back country, and is the home of the Tishomingo agricultural high school.

IUKA—Is the county seat and a progressive town. It has one bank and several high-grade commercial houses, the streets are well-kept and the good roads radiate out in all directions.

Prentiss County

PRENTISS county is one of the northeast Mississippi counties that is well developed in its farming, dairying and commercial life. The main line of the Mobile & Ohio railroad runs through the center of the county from south to north which gives all sections of the county the best of transportation facilities. Cotton, and all agricultural crops are raised and dairying and poultry raising are carried on extensively.

BOONEVILLE—Is the county seat and is a town with a citizenship of advanced ideas, which is one of the reasons for the town's gradual growth. There are two weekly newspapers, two banks, representative commercial and business enterprises. Lumbering is one of the leading interests of the town and there are several large and small sawmills in the near neighborhood. One of the highly commendable things of the people of the town is, they are ready at all times to co-operate with the people of the rural districts in any program that is for the benefit of either or both, believing that what is good for one is good for the other. The location of the town on the main line of the M. & O. railroad makes it a good marketing place for the products of the surrounding country. The agricultural high school of the county is located at Thrasher and is on a par with any in the state.

Alcorn County

ALCORN county, of which Corinth is the county seat, is in the extreme northeastern part of Mississippi, ninety miles east of Memphis and about midway between St. Louis and the Gulf, with an altitude of 500 feet. The average temperature is 65 degrees.

Within a radius of one mile of the courthouse at Corinth there are seven thousand happy and prosperous people. In the county there is a population of twenty-three thousand. Our farmers have long since learned the importance of crop diversification. Lack of space prevents our discussing in detail the great variety of crops now grown in Alcorn county, and we can only mention some of them: cotton, corn, oats, peas, potatoes, sorghum, grasses and hay of many kinds, and an almost unlimited selection of vegetables and fruits. Cattle, hogs and poultry have played a big part in the growth and prosperity that this county has enjoyed in the past ten years.

The prices of farm lands range from ten to one hundred dollars per acre. Practically every creek bottom in the entire county has been placed within a drainage district. This means that thousands of acres of fertile land have been reclaimed for the plow, adding greatly to the wealth of the section.

Corinth has long taken particular pride in her splendid public school system. Graduates of the Corinth high school are admitted to college or university without examination. Ours is a town of churches; we believe that character building deserves first consideration. The moral atmosphere here is as wholesome as can be found in the land.

CORINTH—It is said that there is a monotonous sameness to be found in all towns. This contains little truth so far as Corinth is concerned. This city has about it a morale, a spirit, call it what you like, that is different. It is an intangible, yet very real, factor that grips you and makes you feel that it really means something to be a Corinthian.

There are many reasons why Corinth is a town that approaches very near to the ideal of the homeseeker. We have room here for only a partial list of the town's attractions:

Grocery and drygoods jobbers whose sales are running into the millions. Three banks. Paved streets in both downtown and residence districts. Payrolls that are constantly growing because of the successful operation of factories that are making: men's clothing; rugs; engines and boilers; saw and planing mill machinery; pine and hardwood products; cottonseed oil products and fertilizers. A cotton compress and cotton market that bring trade from more than a score of neighboring towns and villages. An abundant supply of pure water that comes from hundreds of feet below deep strata of rock. A daily paper that has been in successful operation for many years, a modern printery; a Chamber of Commerce. Freight traffic bureau. The Coliseum, a new and beautiful picture theatre. A modern brick manufacturing plant, ice, ice cream and soft drink factories. A new hospital.

Union County

UNION county is one of the northern counties of the state that has been developed to a high percentage. Cotton is the leading crop but there are many other crops that are reckoned in the productive wealth of the county. Dairying and poultry hold a prominent position and general agriculture is followed by the farmers of that section.

NEW ALBANY—Is one of the foremost growing towns in north Mississippi and is a city that has a future in its growth. It is the county seat of Union county and has a population of over three thousand. The banks are prosperous as are the business houses. There is a good hotel, the streets are paved and the general condition of the city is A-1. The houses of education are of a superior class and able and educated instructors are in charge. The city is progressive in its entire citizenship and the city government is composed of men who believe in the future growth of their town and its surrounding section.

Tippah County and Ripley

RIPLEY, the county seat of Tippah county, is situated in one of the best sections of Mississippi, and it is said that there are more white people according to population living in Tippah county than any other county in the state. This in itself is a great recommendation for its efficiency in production of wealth. The leading interest is cotton production, but dairying, poultry, trucking and general farming in diversified crops has become prominent in the interests and wealth of the county. There are few towns, if any, that have grown in their development more in the past few years. Many needed improvements such as hard surfaced roads, streets, and concrete sidewalks have been made and many other improvements have advanced the town in its progressive march to a greater position. The mercantile houses are representative in their character, giving the best of service to the people. There is a live newspaper, "The Southern Sentinel," ably edited and neatly printed by the Hon. A. C. Anderson. The banking interests are well taken care of by the Bank of Ripley, a bank that is, in its management,

RIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

on a par with any bank in the state. The county is well served by the main line of the G. M. & N. railroad, and Ripley is the marketing center. There are also several other small towns in the county that are doing their bit in the progress of the county.

Benton County and Ashland

AMONG the counties of north Mississippi that are going ahead in building a bigger and better community is Benton county, located so that its north boundary joins the state line of Tennessee. It is one of the old counties of the state but new in its development of the great resources possessed. It is strictly a farming section, cotton being the leading crop, but the soils of that section are productive of anything that is planted and given the proper attention.

ASHLAND—The county seat of Benton county, is the marketing center for the county, with the help of several smaller towns that are so situated that they are easy to reach over the good roads of the rural districts. The schools are of the consolidated class and able instructors are in charge. The mercantile houses and the bank are competent to function in their respective business endeavors.

Marshall County

THE lands of Marshall county show a greater percentage of returns in proportion to their sale value than any lands in the United States. They respond more readily and abundantly to intelligent cultivation than lands which which we have ever seen or of which we have read. In a careful observation made in a period extending over more than a quarter of a century, we have never known a farmer in this county who gave the same careful and persistent attention to his farm that the average merchant gives to his business or the professional man to his profession but that he has been rewarded with ample competency and more often with wealth. Marshall county is primarily a cotton country. However, those farmers who are most successful producers of cotton also raise livestock and practice diversification. The staple of cotton produced is above the average for hill counties and will always command the top price for short staple cotton. It has been demonstrated by practical farmers as well as by the Holly Springs branch experiment station of the A. & M. College that cotton can be produced in this county under boll weevil conditions by the intelligent use of fertilizer and poison. In addition to cotton many other products may be successfully grown with profit, such as corn, peas, sorghum, lespedeza, alfalfa, sweet and Irish potatoes, tomatoes, beans and butter beans. There have been some remarkable crops of corn produced in Marshall county. A number of the members of the boys' corn club have made between seventy-five and one hundred bushels of corn to the acre. Peas can be readily cultivated in this county and they serve a threefold purpose, in that peas are excellent feed for man and beast, the vines make the very finest hay, and the roots enrich the soil. Sorghum also is a fine feed for man and beast, making a high-class hay and a most excellent hog feed. There are acres and acres of land in the county which will produce lespedeza hay and every acre in the county will produce lespedeza in sufficient quantities for good pasture.

Because of geographical and topographical conditions there is no county in the South as well located as Marshall county for trucking, dairying or poultry raising. The Illinois Central railroad traverses the county from north to south, affording direct service to New Orleans on the south and Louisville, St. Louis and Chicago on the north. The Frisco railroad crosses the county from the northwest to the southwest.

The county has a most excellent public school system and in addition to a sufficiency of district schools there are four consolidated high schools, one county agricultural high school, a most excellent city school, and a junior college in Holly Springs. Practically all the leading religious denominations have churches in our county, conveniently located and in charge of able ministers.

The modern dairy, supplied by a high-bred herd at the Marshall county agricultural high school at Slayden, and at the Holly Springs branch experiment station, demonstrates the possibilities of Marshall county in these lines of endeavor.

HOLLY SPRINGS—The county site of Marshall county, is a beautiful little city of about 3,500 people, cultured and refined, with excellent streets, attractive homes and imposing public buildings.

BYHALIA—Is another good town in the county, with two banks and progressive citizenship.

Tate County

IF YOU go to Tate county, Mississippi, you will not be sorry for it is the home of opportunity. It is situated in the northern part of the state but a few miles from the Tennessee line and the city of Memphis. The lands of Tate county are most productive and staple crops of cotton, corn, peas, beans, potatoes and sorghum grow in abundance, while all kinds of vegetables, berries and fruits are being grown by farmers who prefer truck farming. Dairying is also a profitable business for it is but a short distance to a market for this product.

SENATOBIA—The county seat, is a good marketing town with good roads leading to all parts of the county, and is a town with a progressive thought in its people. Its banking facilities are good, sufficient to take care of the financial needs of the territory and the mercantile interests are of a character that one can get all that is required. The schools are of the highest standard, and educated gentlemen are in charge. The churches are handsome houses of worship under the pastorate of educated and christian gentlemen.

De Soto County

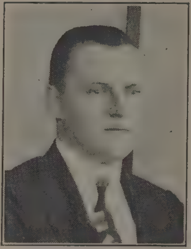
DESOTO county is located in the northwestern part of Mississippi, joining the Tennessee line. Although this county has been for years devoted mostly to cotton production, it now has turned from the one crop system and in its diversification has taken up the dairying and hog growing business.

HERNANDO—The county seat of DeSoto county, is progressive in its advancement in all lines of development work. Its people are alive to greater things to come but are unselfish in their work of producing greater wealth. The educational facilities are the best, all of the schools being of the higher order and of a standard that gives the pupils graduating an advantage that places them on the road of success in life's work. The mercantile interests are of the progressive type, operated by men who thoroughly understand the necessities of their customers, carrying in stock such articles that will give the best service to their patrons.

OLIVE BRANCH—Is located in DeSoto county, near the Tennessee line, and is a thriving town that with the opportunities possessed is bound to grow bigger. It is the marketing place for a rich territory that produces anything put in the ground and taken care of. With this comes the dairying business, which in and around Olive Branch is a large industry, and one that is growing larger each year.

HOUSTON H. EVANS, Gulfport, Miss.---Attorney at Law and Member of the State Legislature.---Among the young men of South Mississippi there are none that hold a higher place in the esteem of their fellow men than Hon. Houston H. Evans, the subject of this short sketch. He is a native of Harrison County, where he was born in 1895. After finishing his early education in the schools of the county, he attended Millsaps College, of Jackson, Miss., from which he graduated, receiving his LL.B. degree, and later from the University of Mississippi, receiving the same degree. For a time he was referee in bankruptcy for this district and in 1920 he was elected to represent Harrison County in the State House of Representatives, serving during the sessions of 1920, 1922, 1924, and 1926, and was elected to serve in the same body for 1928 and 1930. During his term in the legislature he was the father of the seawall bill which made it possible to build the seawall along the Mississippi Gulf Coast in Harrison County. He also was the father of the zoning law bill, harbor appropriations and several other bills that have been of great benefit to the Coast and South Mississippi. Practically all oyster legislation has been introduced or revised by him. Mr. Evans can be depended on to take care of the interests of his home community during the two next sessions of the legislature. In the life of Gulfport he is active and is a Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the Elks and the college fraternity of Kappa Sigma.

JOHN O. EMMERICH, McComb, Miss.---Editor and publisher of the McComb Enterprise, a leading paper of Mississippi. The man who makes a success of a newspaper and causes it to grow bigger in its business affairs and in the esteem of the people, is a man of ability in this line of endeavor. The subject of this sketch, Mr. John O. Emmerich, has succeeded in doing this and the influence of the "Enterprise" is growing larger all the time for Mr. Emmerich is naturally a newspaper man, and able writer and a man who understands "news value" when he sees it. The plant is equipped with the best of printing machinery in both newspaper department and where the highest class of printing of all kinds is turned out just as you want and delivered when you want it. Mr. Emmerich was born in New Orleans but came to McComb when only four years of age, receiving his education in the high schools of the city and afterwards graduating from A. & M. College in 1918 and from the University of Missouri in 1920, receiving his Master's Degree. In December, 1923, he bought the McComb Enterprise, installed new machinery and has made the paper one of the best in the state. He is a member of the Masonic bodies, the American Legion, and treasurer of the Mississippi Press Association. He served in the World War as a second lieutenant. As a booster for McComb he is outstanding in his endeavors.


JOHN O. EMMERICH

W. LOEBER LANDAU

W. LOEBER LANDAU, McComb, Miss.---McComb has many large manufacturing interests which make it one of the leading cities of the state. Among these are the Berthadale Mills, Inc., manufacturing high class and beautifully designed fabrics. These mills are under the management of that sterling gentleman and progressive citizen, Mr. W. Loeber Landau, who holds a prominent position in the city's life. Mr. Landau is a native of New Orleans and was educated in the public schools of that city and at Tulane University, graduating from the latter in 1906, after which he entered the textile business. In 1924 he came to McComb and established this business and erected the mills, installing new machinery which was the last word in machinery for this class of industry. In the civic, social and industrial life of the city the position held by Mr. Landau takes a leading part. He is a member of the Masonic orders and a Shriner, and served at one time as president of the local Exchange Club. In the work and deliberations of the Chamber of Commerce he takes a prominent part, giving his assistance to those matters that will assist in the upbuilding of that section.

HOBART D. SHAW, Gulfport, Miss.---Civil Engineer, Chief Engineer of the Harrison County Road Protection Commission; Consulting Engineer, City of Gulfport; Senior Member of the firm of Shaw & Woleben, Architects and Engineers.---It is a pleasure to write of those men who have achieved success in their special life's work, and in this instance we take particular pleasure in writing about the subject of this sketch, Hobart D. Shaw, and of his achievements in the planning of and supervising the building of the seawalls on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. First, he planned and supervised the seawall at Bay St. Louis, which in comparison was a small job with the building of the twenty-six miles of concrete wall for the protection of the roads and the beautifying of the beach from Henderson Point on the extreme west end, to Biloxi. This wall stands as a monument to Mr. Shaw's ability as an engineer. Mr. Shaw is a native of Mississippi, born in Carrollton, attending the schools of Carroll county, afterwards graduating from Mississippi A. & M. College with the degree of B.Sc. He has been in this profession for twenty-five years, coming to Gulfport in 1906, taking a personal interest in the advancement of the Coast. In the life of the city he is a member of the Masonic order, K. of P., Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Mississippi Coast Club, Mississippi State Board of Development, American Society Civil Engineers, Louisiana Engineers' Society, American Storm and Beach Preservation Association, and a member of the Presbyterian church.

HOBART D. SHAW

WILLIAM FRANK CUNNINGHAM, Summitt, Miss.---Secretary and Treasurer of the Hyman Mercantile Company, operating a general department store, handling a most comprehensive line of goods. Mr. Cunningham was born in Summitt, but lived in Birmingham, Ala., up to about seven years ago. He received his education in the schools of Alabama, graduating from the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, Va. For seven years he was connected with the Birmingham Trust and Savings Company and for six years he has been a most successful business man, well qualified to hold as responsible a position as the manager of this, Summitt's most potential mercantile interests. In the life of the city and Pike county Mr. Cunningham holds a high position. He is a young man of excellent qualities and ability. A good mixer with all classes of people, whose courteous and obliging characteristics have made him many warm personal friends. He belongs to several school fraternities and is a member of the Masonic bodies.

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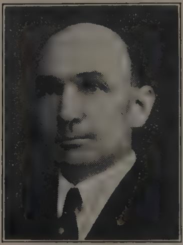

DR. RICHARD G. COX

ON June 1st, 1928, Gulf Park College had made seven years of history. The first session began in 1921. This beginning differed from that of most schools in that Gulf Park was fully established and had complete equipment and a strong faculty when the doors of the institution first opened. During the past seven years, the College has grown steadily in enrollment from 115 students the first year to a capacity enrollment of 225 for the two years 1926-27 and 1927-28. This patronage is of a national character, which represents homes of the best type from all sections of the United States.

Gulf Park is technically a junior college and has the distinction of being one of the first schools of this type in the South to be fully accredited. The standards maintained from our beginning have been such that full recognition has been given for preparatory and college work completed in Gulf Park in the leading four-year colleges and universities in the North and South, and by the educational associations in which Junior Colleges have membership. The curriculum is six years in length and is the equivalent of four years of high school and the first two years of college. Strong departments are also maintained in Music, Art, Expression, Home Economics, Secretarial work, and in a Normal Course in Physical Education.

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PAUL EVANS

PAUL EVANS, Gulfport, Miss.---Supervisor of Beat 2, Harrison County, and one of the progressive builders of a bigger Gulfport and the advancement of the Coast country. Mr. Evans was born in Mississippi City, Harrison county, in 1873, receiving his education in the common schools of the county. He has lived in Harrison county all of his life and is one of the leading citizens. During his term as supervisor he has been instrumental in the building of the seawall, many miles of paved streets and the paved road to the Stone county line leading north from Gulfport. In fact Mr. Evans and his associates making up the board of supervisors have done great work in the advancement of the Gulf Coast in Harrison county. As a member of the board he took part in the building of the bridge across the Bay of St. Louis and the construction of the bridge across Biloxi Bay at Popp's Ferry and the back bay of Biloxi. He was elected a member of the board of supervisors in 1923 and took office January, 1924. In the last election he was reelected over several opponents in the first primary, which shows what the people of Gulfport think of him as a progressive citizen.

WILFRED STEPHEN LOCKYER, Gulfport, Miss.---Architect and Engineer, 106 I. C. Building, was born May 23rd, 1876, in England, residing there until 1913, when he came to this country, landing at New York and from there went to Memphis, Tenn., where he lived until February, 1921, leaving that city for Gulfport, Miss. He received his early education in the public schools of his district, Bournemouth, Hampshire, and was successful in every subject demanded by the British Government inspectors and examiners of that period (1881-90). After school days were completed he made a start in life in horticulture and high-class gardening on a gentleman's estate until 1892, when he desired a change and commenced his studies and work to finally qualify as an architect, working directly or indirectly under some of the best architects and surveyors; being of humble parentage he was not privileged to enjoy the benefits of a college education. In this same period of time he studied music and has been a church organist and choirmaster for thirty years; also teacher of voice since 1913, and he is now enjoying his seventh year as organist and choir director of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Gulfport, Miss. At the present time he is making a specialty in church architecture and in the department of engineering, a specially designed sloping granite-faced seawall.

WILFRED S. LOCKYER

JAMES T. WARD

HON. JAMES T. WARD, Waynesboro, Miss.---Secretary of the Waynesboro Chamber of Commerce, Lumberman and Farmer. Mr. James T. Ward was born in Jackson county, Mississippi, and attended the common schools there; from there he moved to Caricora, Miss., and from there to Waynesboro, where he has lived since 1891. All of his life he has been in the lumber business, which he understands in all of its many branches. Mr. Ward believes in reforestation, that a large amount of the lands of Mississippi should be reforested, especially those that are not good for actual development in agriculture or dairying. During the sessions of the legislature in 1924 and 1926 he was a member of that body and was the father of the reforestation bill that is now a law---a measure that will reforest and take care of thousands of acres of what is now vacant lands. As the secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce he is active in all matters that are for the good and advancement of his home community and under his able direction the "Chamber" is doing a whole lot of good. In the social and fraternal life of Waynesboro he takes a prominent part as a member of the local lodge of Masons and the W. O. W.

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